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## Defensive Military Agreement Signed In Venice

# HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH ITALY REPORTED

TANKS WON'T USE THIS ROAD

## New Pact Aimed At Preventing Expansion Of European War To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**BUDAPEST, Jan. 8. (UP)—It is reported by very reliable sources that Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have concluded a defensive military alliance.**

The alliance is "intended to protect and maintain peace in the Balkan and south-eastern Europe."

It is expected that the alliance will be officially announced after Count Ciano has reported to Signor Mussolini. This will be done to-morrow.

The alliance provides that Hungary will pursue its revisionist aims against its neighbours by peaceful means.

Count Czaky left Rome for Budapest at 6.05 p.m.

Immediately after his departure, Count Ciano conferred with Il Duce.

Signor Gayda, commenting on the Venice talks in the "Giornale d' Italia," said to-day that Italy and Hungary were both determined to prevent the expansion of the war to the Balkan States and the Mediterranean Sea.

He warned that Hungary's desire to limit the conflict should not cause interested Powers to refuse to try to reach a reasonable solution of Hungary's revisionist problems.

In view of the European political and military situation, he said, the Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers had decided not to publish the substance of their talks at Venice.

**Gayda's Hint To Rumania**

ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," gives a hint to Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

He says that the proposal to Hungary to settle problems pacifically cannot create a pretext for other Powers concerned to avoid a sincere examination and reasonable solution of the problems awaiting settlement.

It would be a fatal mistake not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution by just means, says Signor Gayda.

**Direct American Aid**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Government has informed the League of Nations that American organisations are consulting directly with Finland regarding the request for material and humanitarian assistance.

The note, handed by the United States Minister at Berne, says that the United States Government from the outbreak of hostilities has given tangible indication of sympathy to the people and government of Finland. The American Red Cross and private organisations have given medical, financial and other help, and they are consulting with Finnish agencies regarding the most effective manner in which such aid may be continued and expanded.

### *Facts*

**HUNGARY**

Population (1930 census) 8,683,740, living in an area of 36,179 square miles.

Army in 1938: 1800 officers and 35,000 other ranks.

No Air Force. The Army possesses only two aeroplanes.

Mechanised Forces: 12 tanks.

Artillery: Fewer than 100 heavy pieces.

"Navy": Four motorboats.

**ITALY**

Population: 44,000,000.

Metropolitan Army: 260,000. Fascist Militia: 559,000. Overseas garrisons about 120,000. Mussolini recently boasted that he could raise an army of 10,000,000.

Navy: Ships completed at end of 1938: Four battleships, 23 cruisers, 60 destroyers, 60 torpedo boats, 103 submarines, 100 motor-torpedo boats. Four battleships are building, with 12 cruisers, 7 destroyers, 2 or more torpedo boats and about 20 submarines.

Air Force: Military planes were known to number 3,000 in 1938.

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

### 25 Per Cent. Increase Urged For U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Because the international situation "in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions presents a threat of world conflagration," Admiral Stark, Chief of Operations, appearing before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, urged Congress to approve the $1,300,000,000 increase in the U.S. Fleet.

Admiral Stark testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action towards increasing the strength of the Fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak position."

Admiral Stark's testimony indicates that the expansion programme has been revised, since it was first announced, to provide some larger ships than originally contemplated.

Hearing of the expansion programme opened with a brief preliminary statement by Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary for the Navy, who declared that he believed that the proposed 25 per cent. increase of the Fleet's size was needed "in view of the international situation."

**107 New Ships**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Admiral Stark, who testified before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, said that

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

## CANADIAN C.O., ENTERTAINED

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The leader of the Canadian Overseas Army, Major-General Andrew McNaughton, and his two senior officers, were entertained on Sunday by the Duke of Connaught at his Surrey residence.

His Royal Highness, who is a former Governor-General of Canada, showed an active interest in the welfare and training of the Canadian troops.

Major-General McNaughton said that the British authorities had done their utmost to make the Canadians comfortable and to help with their training.

The U-boat then disappeared.

BIG BONDS FRAUD

## PARADE OF MOVIE STARS

### Astonishing U.S. Court Scenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).—The conviction of Felipe Buencamino, a member of the Philippine Legislative Council on a count of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of Philippine Railroad bonds, has been affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.

The convictions of William Gillespie were affirmed on all counts, with the exception of two counts of fraudulent use of the mails, which were reversed.

The decision does not change the original sentences imposed.

Sr. Buencamino said: "I am sorry regarding the outcome of the appeal. I still feel that I have done no wrong. My attorneys are studying the decision."

As yet, no decision has been made regarding further appeals.

**Contention Upheld**

The 20-page opinion sustains the prosecution's contention that Bruckner met Buencamino who is a "powerful figure in Island politics, and that Buencamino agreed to lend Legislative aid in return for $50,000, which the prosecution contends is a bribe."

The opinion reviews Bruckner's activities in seeking to raise money in London: "Buencamino held out for $50,000 before he would sail for London, remaining unlempted by the $5,000, deposit in his name in Montreal."

None of the defendants were present in court. Buencamino's lawyer, Mr. George Norton, said he had not made any decision regarding his next step.

**Rebuke By Judge**

Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark, condemned the courtroom tactics of the Prosecutor, William P. Maloney, but said the evidence of the defendant's guilt was so overwhelming that the "attack of the appellants on the prosecutor must fail."

He referred to the fact that the appellants brief bitterly attacked the prosecution in a personal manner.

Judge Clark said: "Even from the printed record we can see the vigour with which the Prosecutor pressed the case which, at times, went beyond the decorum and dignity which an officer of the United States should observe."

The Judge criticised the "parading" of chorus girls and movie stars to the stand to "prove only minor points."

## Less Unemployed In Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The registered unemployed on December 11 totalled 1,361,000, which was 41,000 less than on November 13 and 469,800 less than on December 12, 1938.

INDICATIVE OF THE EXTENT of China's "scorched earth policy," which aims at leaving nothing for the Japanese in the conquered area, this photograph shows the deliberate damage done to the main highway between Nanning and Pakhoi. The road is absolutely impassable to all traffic. The Japanese caption to this photograph states that the destruction was carried out by "considerable engineering skill". —*South China Photo Service.*

## French Premier Breaks Ankle

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the French Prime Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, broke his ankle in an accident on Sunday.

The announcement said that the X-ray examination disclosed that the fractured joint has been "satisfactorily restored to its correct position."

M. Daladier resumed his duties at the War Office to-day.

## FOOD RATIONS, AND WHY

### British Ministry's Four Reasons

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Food Ministry announces to-day the following reasons for rationing:

1.—It prevents the waste of food. We must not ask sailors to bring unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.

2.—It increases the war effort. Reduction of the purchases of food abroad releases ships bringing other imports.

3.—It divides supplies equally.

4.—It prevents uncertainty.

**Not A Deprivation**

Properly regarded, it is a system not of deprivation but of convenience. With the quantities assured and alternatives available, the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values, while the relief to shipping will free it for cargoes which are vital to victory.

Had the public needed a stimulus to a cheerful acceptance of the plan, it was found in Mr. Herbert Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men to add to the risks they are hourly taking with such fine courage by bringing in excess food.

## King Of Thai In Switzerland

ZURICH, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The 14-year-old King of Thai, accompanied by his mother and brothers, has arrived in Switzerland on holiday.

## Russians Abandon Colossal Booty

# AMAZING CLAIMS BY FINNISH H.Q.

**HELSINGFORS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A communique claims that the Finns scored a striking victory in destroying a Soviet division on the road from Suomussalmi to the Soviet frontier.**

Besides 1,000 prisoners, the Finns captured much material, including tanks and armoured cars.

The communique states that in the recent fighting, the main object has been to repulse the 44th Russian Division, and this has now been achieved, the enemy's main forces having been destroyed.

The booty captured include 102 guns, 43 tanks, 10 armoured cars, aeroplanes, 278 motor vehicles of various kinds, over 1,000 horses and 47 field kitchens.

## TRADE PARLEYS BREAK DOWN

### U.S. And Argentine Abandoned Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the United States and the Argentine have agreed to abandon completely negotiations for a trade treaty.

These negotiations broke down last week.

The State Department ascribes the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the subject of customs quotas for typical Argentinian exports such as linseed and tinned beef.

## BRITISH C.-IN-C. DECORATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that General Mario Gamelin and Major General Georges lunched with Mr. Winston Churchill as guests of General Viscount Gort at the British Headquarters.

General Sir Edmund Ironside was also present.

During the luncheon, General Gamelin decorated Viscount Gort and General Ironside with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Detachments of the Welsh Guards and French Zouaves formed a guard of honour.

## ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

### Nazis Holding Up Aeroplanes

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Germany now admits having stopped Italian aeroplanes from proceeding through to Finland.

According to an "Associated Press" correspondent, Italian planes were sent by rail to a Baltic port, their destination being Finland. The number is not known but there are a number of Italian railway cars at that port.

**Soviet Pressure On Nazis**

The Nazi attitude seems to have been determined by Soviet pressure.

The Nazi Government would not be able to co-operate with its Italian Axis partner in aiding Finland without violent objections from the new ally—Soviet Russia.

**Stopped In Transit**

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A large quantity of war material destined for Finland was stopped in transit by Germany, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Belga" agency.

At first sight, the material seems to have originated from Italy.

So far German circles have given no political or legal justification for this seizure.

## U.S. Consul's New Appointment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day nominated Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Consul-General in Shanghai, as the first United States Minister to Australia.

A "Reuter" report confirms this appointment.

# 35,000-ton Ships for Hongkong

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Two new 35,000-ton passenger liners which are among 40 to 50 new vessels to be constructed by the American Government during the current year, are to be placed on service between San Francisco and Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila when completed.**

This announcement was made by an official of the U.S. Maritime Commission to-day.

The remainder of the projected fleet will be composed of cargo ships, although the Government may place contracts later in the year for two similar passenger ships for the South American service.

The new 35,000-ton liners will be constructed so that, in the event of war, they can be immediately converted into aircraft-carriers.

LATEST

## ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

### Soldier — Internees Battle With Police

**CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE is being maintained by the police regarding a riot which occurred in the new internment camp for Chinese soldiers in Argyle Street yesterday afternoon.**

Although official circles will give no information the "Telegraph" understands that, as a result of the riots, two Indian police officers and several Chinese internees are in Kowloon hospital, suffering from injuries.

It is stated that the disturbance became so general that the emergency unit had to be called out to quell it.

The "Telegraph" understands that the disturbance occurred when a European officer attempted to arrest an internee who was guilty of an infraction of the camp rules.

The European was mobbed by a number of the internees and was able to extricate himself from a dangerous position only by drawing his revolver and summoning the guard.

In the general melee that followed, internees used their bed boards as weapons and the disorders ended only after the guards and extra police had made several baton charges.

It is understood that several alleged ringleaders were arrested last night after "lights out."

The internees, who, number over 700 and who were interned when they laid down their arms in British territory in 1937, were only recently removed to the more commodious internment camp in Argyle Street from the Mataukok Camp.

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### INWARD MAILS

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Shanghai ....................Jan. 9.
Straits and Saigon ..........Jan. 9.
Straits ........................Jan. 9.
**Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 3rd January. Jan. 10.**
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November) ....Jan. 10.
Java and Manila ..........Jan. 10.
Manila ........................Jan. 10.
Manila ........................Jan. 10.
Rabaul and Manila. ........Jan. 10.
Shanghai ....................Jan. 10.
Shanghai ....................Jan. 10.
Shanghai and Amoy ........Jan. 10.
**Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 3rd. January ..........Jan. 11.**
Haiphong ....................Jan. 11.
Japan ........................Jan. 11.
Shanghai ....................Jan. 11.
U.S.A., and Manila (San Francisco date, 9th Dec. 1939) ......Jan. 11.
Canton ........................Jan. 12.
Japan and Shanghai ........Jan. 12.
Manila ........................Jan. 12.
Shanghai ....................Jan. 12.
Canton ........................Jan. 13.
Calcutta and Straits ........Jan. 13.
Sandakan ....................Jan. 13.
Shanghai ....................Jan. 13.

### OUTWARD MAILS

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

Straits ....................12.30 p.m.
Saigon ....................3.30 p.m.
Manila ....................4.30 p.m.
**Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th January.**
K.P.O.
**Reg.** ..........Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
**Ord.** ..........Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
**Reg.** ..........Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
**Ord.** ..........Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
**Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 15th Jan.**
K.P.O.
**Reg.** ..........Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
**Ord.** ..........Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
**Reg.** ..........Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
**Ord.** ..........Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Japan ....................7.00 p.m.
Saigon ....................7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

Swatow ....................10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ....Jan. 10. 11.00 a.m.
Ord., ..........Jan. 10, Noon.
Haiphong ....................2.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin ..2.30 p.m.
**Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Province only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 18th January.**
K. P. O.
**Reg.,** .......Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
**Ord.,** .......Jan. 10. 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
**Reg.,** .......Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
**Ord.,** .........Jan. 10, 7.00 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

Parcels only for Straits ....9.30 a.m.
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa ..........2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 31st. January
K.P.O.
Parcels ..........Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Reg., ..............Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..............Jan. 11, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels ..........Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Reg., ..............Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..............Jan. 11, 7 p.m.
Amoy ......................7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

Tourane ..................8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin ..................10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard ..............1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin ..................2.30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin ......................9 a.m.

# Mr. Casey Appointed

Washington, Jan. 7.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that United States' diplomatic relations have been established with Australia by the appointment of the Australian Minister of Supply, Mr. Richard Casey, as first Australian Minister to Washington.

The United States Minister to Canberra will be announced shortly.—*United Press.*

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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1890.

The projected Firth of Clyde Canal to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the North Sea will be begun at once. A Manchester firm has contracted to complete the canal at a cost of £8,000,000.

Three new ironclads of 14,000 tons and 20,000 horse-power will be added to the naval strength of Italy as soon as possible. Vessels, armor, guns etc., are to be made in Italy.

The "Chorolistha" is the last London dance, the name comes from choros, a dance, and olisthanein, to glide.

Baron Bounezal, a French officer, proposes that France and Germany should fight on a new principle, each country to have 100,000 men on its side only. At the same time he is liberal in his offers to Germany, and says that the country may have 10,000 Italians to help it.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1915.

The deadlock on the western frontier seems complete. In spite of incessant attacks, driven home with quite extraordinary resolution and hurricanes of shell expended every day, the losses and gains along the fighting front fairly balance one another, and at this rate things could go on for weeks with advantage to neither side were the resources behind both more nearly equal.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1930.

A further fall of a farthing was registered in respect of the Hongkong dollar when exchange opened this morning. This brings the T.T. rate down to 1s. 6½d. which is as low as it has ever been in the history of the Colony.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1935.

The question of the more adequate advertising of Hongkong as a tourists' or travellers' resort, which has periodically arisen in recent times, is taken a step further to-day by the suggestion made by a contributor that the time has come for some definite action to be taken in the matter.

# STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The week has opened with an air of steadiness, enquiries continue on a moderately fair scale.

**Buyers**

H.K. Bank $1,380
Canton Ins; $205
Union Ins. $440
Douglas $72
Docks $21.90
Providents $4.05
Hotels $5.85
Lands $33¼
Realties $4.40
Tramways $17½
Yaumati Ferries $23¾
China Lights (Old) $7.65
Electrics $55
Sandakan Lights $11¼
Telephones (Old) $24½
Telephones (New) $9.30
Cements $17.90
Ropes $6.10
Dairy Farms (Old) $22¼
Dairy Farms (New) $21¼
Watsons $9.20
Entertainments $6¾
Constructions (Old) $1¾

**Sellers**

China Underwriters $1¼
Providents $4.80
Hotels $5.95
Electrics $56
Telephones (Old) $25
Cements $18.05
Ropes $6½
Watsons $9.60

**Sales**

H.K. Bank $1,400
Wharves $102
Docks $22
Providents $4.00/.05
Hotels $5.90/.95
Tramways $17½
China Lights (Old) $7.70
China Lights (New) $4.70
Electrics $54.90/55½
Telephones (Old) $25
Cements $17.95/18
Ropes $6¾
Watsons $9.40

**Manila Gold Shares**

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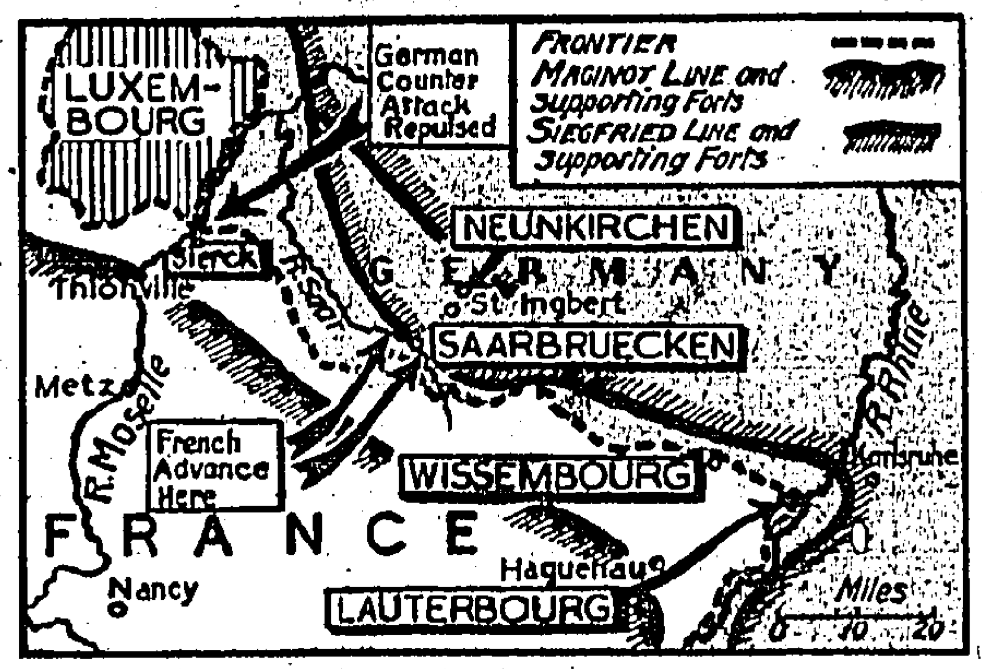
| Atoks | 21 |
| Antamok | 17 |
| Baguio Gold | 22½ |
| Batong Buhay | .015 |
| Big Wedge | 23 |
| Coco Grove | 16 |
| Con. Mines | 0035 |
| Demonstration | 12 |
| East Mindanao | 11½ |
| I. X. L. | 40 |
| Ipo Gold | .14 |
| Itogon Mining | 30 |
| Mambulao Con. | 017 |
| Masbate Con. | 12 |
| Mind. Motherlode | 09¼ |
| Mine Operation | 11¼ |
| Paracale Gumaus | 16¼ |
| San Mauricio | 92 |
| Surigao Con. | 21 |
| Suyoc Con. | 15½ |
| Syndicate Inv. | 026 |
| United Paracale | 33½ |

## French Army Leaders Are Masters Of Their Machines

# MAGINOT LINE COMMANDER SAYS, "LET THE NAZI COME"

By RICHARD CAPELL,
"Daily Telegraph" Special Correspondent

**WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.—A giant is stirring uneasily, but the War here is still not really awake. He groans in his sleep sometimes, but we can only guess when he will rouse himself.**




It is like early morning in some enormous palace, a tyrant's palace. The master of the household is not up, but there is tremendous activity among the innumerable servants.

Privileged onlookers have been allowed to see the preparations for the day's work. They have been welcomed and shown without reserve all kinds of marvels, dreadful marvels, now in readiness for the entertainment of the risen giant. Never before was there anything of the sort so elaborately prepared.

It is not on the surface. The eastern frontier of France will in 1,000 years or so have nothing to show to remind posterity of the year 1939 comparable with Hadrian's Wall or Offa's dyke.

The Great Wall of China has not been rivalled as a picturesque spectacle by the Maginot Line.

### "ADMIRAL" IN COMMAND

#### Like Subterranean Battleship

The new wonder of the world is indeed characterised by its modest inconspicuousness. Here and there is a mushroom—so called—of concrete and steel, but here is hardly anything else to catch the eye of the casual passer-by—if one can possibly imagine a casual passer-by in these parts.

But, underground, French ingenuity has elaborated a new world, something between the London tube system and a battleship.

"Subterranean battleship." The phrase is inevitable to describe the forts of the Maginot Line. It has been heard often in recent weeks, and still it was news to me, when enjoying the hospitality of the commandant of one of these forts, to find he was "the admiral" of his officers and men.

And, by the way, we no longer say "fort" in this part of the world. The word for the new thing which is a fort indeed, but one which assembles the resources of a half a hundred techniques and sciences, is "ouvrage."

Throughout this visit to the new underground world it wanted a persistent effort to realise that one was not on board a battle cruiser of some strange navy where khaki was the wear.

As much was said to a young gunner in one of the turrets. He answered with a shade of wistfulness: "Yes, but a real ship would sometimes put into port."

### YEARS OF SERVICE

#### Masters Of Their Machine

Pride and confidence are the prevailing notes among these men, in their various ways so zealous, such complete masters of their complex machine.

But it would not be fair to them—it would misrepresent the strange life they lead a hundred feet below ground—to leave unmentioned the trace of wistfulness. The outside world ought to be reminded of the sacrifice and strain which this life represents.

Many of these guardians of the fort and its secrets have spent years in its labyrinths. Those labyrinths abound in comforts such as shower baths, lifts and tramways, and still the mere visitor has to confess to a feeling of relief when he is once again able to breathe the upper air.

Above ground there is a world to all appearance placid. On most days the sound of a shell is a rarity. Cows are grazing between the belts of wire. We come across a young gunner who has in a leisure hour snared a hare.

A very few miles away there is a ridge, and you are told that the Germans are there.

"Let them come," says the commandant. The whole garrison longs for them to come. The garrison is on tiptoe. It is magnificently confident in itself and its marvellous machine. It knows itself impregnable.

### POSTAL DELAYS

#### General And Men Talk It Over

I had the fortune to witness a surprise visit from no less an eminence than the Army Commander to a pioneer battalion working in a forest near the frontier.

The daily shave is not in the French Army the almost religious obligation that it is with us; and the men as they came scrambling out of the undergrowth might have been taken for beings of a different species from the wonderful General, so refined and pale of face and so gloriously decorated.

But in a moment his relationship with these muddy woodlanders was established. It was almost fatherly.

They crowded round him, and after but a moment's shyness there were plenty who did not wait to be spoken to before they chipped in. Things were not too bad they all agreed; but not everything was perfect. There was, for instance, the great question of delays in the Army postal service. The General questioned them closely. He wanted to know exactly how long it had taken for letters to reach them from home.

One man's complaint was that his people had not written to him for 10 days. The General did not rub it in too hard that this might not be the fault of the Post Office.

I do not know what exactly is the power of an Army commander over the working of the postal service in the field; but when they went back into the woods the pioneers knew that a great man from on high had heard their grievances kindly and that he would assuredly do anything within to straighten things out.

Later, at the battalion commander's headquarters somewhere in Germany, the Officer Commanding explained to us, by the dim light of a candle and with a map of his sector chalked on a blackboard, the course of operations.

We were received by the General commanding the army occupying this area of the front. He spoke in moving terms of the tenacity of the French villagers who had been compelled to leave their homes near the front.

We had seen for ourselves the evacuated villages which were not very far from the front and only a few miles behind the point from which the French long-range artillery pounds the Siegfried Line.

"These people," said the General, "left at a few hours' notice their homes in the operation zone, carrying with them only a small valise containing their family documents and leaving behind them their belongings, the fruit of the work of a lifetime.

"They did so without complaint, and all they said was: 'This time we must see the matter through. We are sick and tired of repeated invasions, and we do not care about anything else than to see the final victory.'

#### Unequalled Fortifications

"This is the indomitable spirit of the French frontier peasantry," concluded the General. His words ring true.

Later I was privileged to visit one of the most important works of the main French defences—the Maginot Line.

"On ne passe pas" is the motto of the troops there. No one who has seen the Line—and they are few in number—can doubt for a moment its impregnability. No fortifications conceived can equal it.

It is a long way from the actual front, far too distant to receive a shell from the longest range German artillery. This, no doubt, explains why life in the French village in its vicinity goes on as usual.

The officer commanding the work I visited, accurately described it as a battleship that does not roll even in the heaviest of seas.

#### Succession Of "Battleships"

It is, in fact, a long succession of battleships, as though miles and miles of capital ships as powerful as H.M.S. Hood had been placed in file. The only difference is that the Maginot Line is fixed instead of being mobile.

The cross fires of its turrets cover an area of ground which makes it impossible for an enemy to approach it. One of its leading officers remarked, "The Germans will break their teeth on the Maginot Line if ever they get near it."

The doorkeeper of one of the principal works of the Line has played in the French Army Association football team.

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Men off duty would be able to sleep peacefully, despite the thunder of the guns above their heads, through the heaviest of enemy bombardments.

# *SOLDIERS STILL SEEK SOCKS, SO SUSIE—*

By LOUISE MORGAN

YOU would never guess what is the most popular gift at the Front. And so I will tell you. It's socks!

I learned this, and the reason why, from Captain R. W. Phillips, officer in command of the Army Comforts Depot, St. Mary's Butts, Reading.

"Soldiers' socks wear out so fast," he said, "and soldiers, unlike sailors, are not experts at darning."

Or, as a Berkshire soldier put it, "Socks on the jaw are quicker mended than the socks on my feet—if mother's not about."

So if you want to delight some soldier in France, send him socks. They can be any colour, or all the colours of the rainbow together, because they do not show.

### They Like Colour

Pullovers can be coloured, too, said Captain Phillips. The battle dress conceals them and a man likes to have a touch of heartening colour like red or green to relieve the monotony of khaki. Dark shades are preferable to light.

The Captain, who has organised the depot down to half-minutes and ha'pennies, gave me another tip about socks.

If you will stitch each pair together when you have finished them, he can abolish the "joining up" room, where three voluntary workers sit all day tacking pairs together.

Between 400 and 500 parcels a day come from every part of the country to the depot which is responsible for all comforts for the B.E.F. in France.

Considerably more than half come from people with very small incomes, and some have been received from old-age pensioners and unemployed.

A soldier who lost a leg in 1917 and has only his disability pension has taught himself knitting and sends a scarf every fortnight.

### Children's Good Work

Pat and Peter, a sister and brother under 10 from Bradford, sent a two-colour scarf in which Pat had knitted the grey and Peter the khaki bands.

"Dear Soldier," they had written, "will you please write, as we would like to keep your letter for always?"

The youngest knitters so far are a girl of six from London and a boy of seven from Leeds.

"Some of the very best work has been done by children," said a worker who unpacks and examines the comforts as they arrive.

A very fine pullover came from Sunderland with the slightly ambiguous note: "I knitted this for my husband, but he has now gone to a warmer clime."

"Funny" inscriptions like "This is to keep your neck warm and clean until you meet Hitler," are the commonest.

The one which touched me most was from a Streatham woman who at 66 still goes out to clean by the day. It read "Just a few things for the boys from Mother."

Among the things most wanted besides socks, scarves, helmets, pullovers and mittens, are dark-coloured handkerchiefs, mouth-organs, playing-cards, cigarettes and sweets.

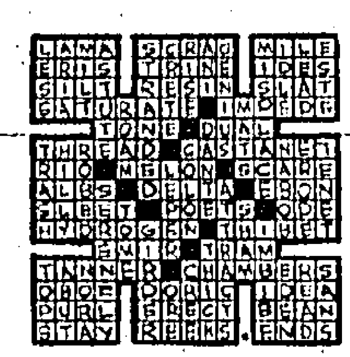
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

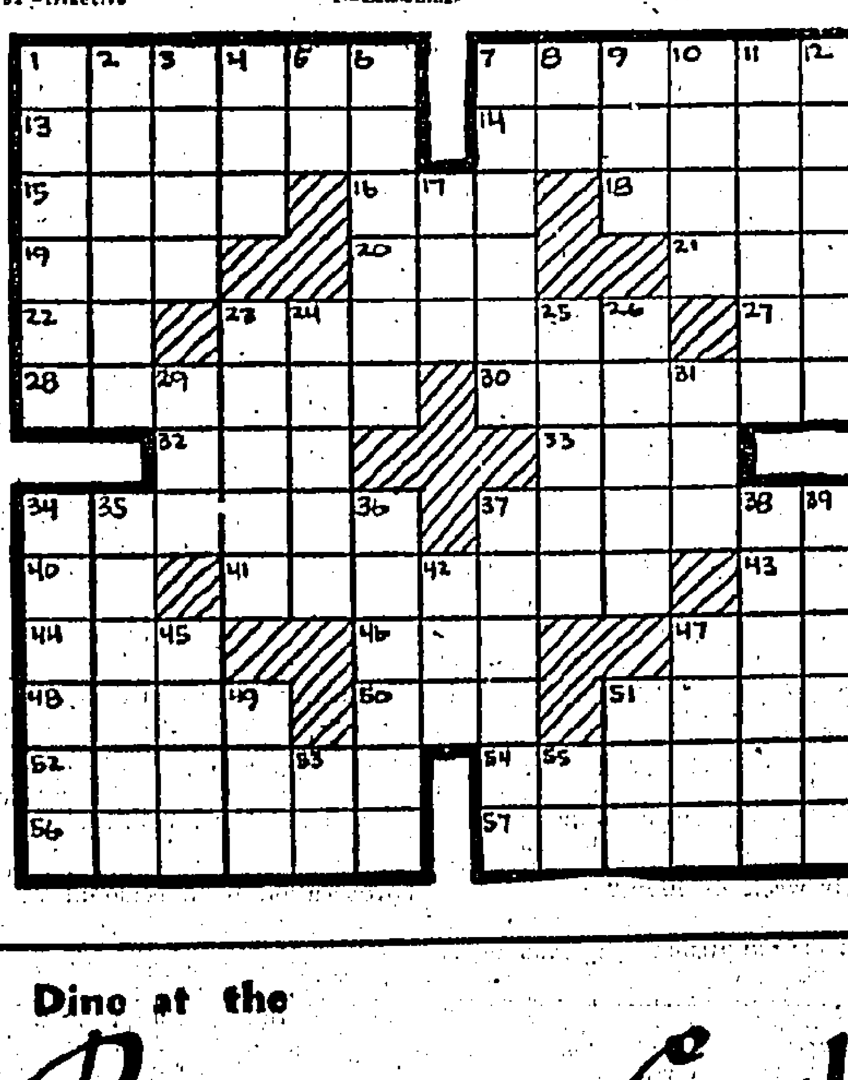
1—Healing substance
7—Device for taking pictures
13—Kind of fruit
14—Steeled
15 Japanese product
16—Drunkard
18—Venetian ruler
19—The sun
20—Navy sailor
21—Tree juice
22 Urban railway (slang)
23—Very pious person
27—Pursuer, in "tag"
28 Support a proposal
30 Grave markers
31 Curve
33 Stinging insect
34—Partition
37—Punctuation mark
40 Chopping tool
41 Rubbers
43 Rachel (abbr.)
44 Frozen water
46 Distress signal
47 Distant
48—Sagging
50—Deprecating exclamation
51 Religious group
52—Inactive
54—Thrust stake through
56—Perfused again
57—Make loud sound

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Lessenings
2—Kind of bird
3—Lofty
4—Writing fluid
5—King of Bashan
6—Housed
7—From certain fruits
8—And if
9—Wet earth
10—An asteroid
11—Get back
12—Experts
17—Grain
23—Turkish government
24—Bring on self
25—Heavy sword
26—Rows
29—Headgear
31—Brazilian coin
34—Mariner
35—Agitate
36—Having maste
37—Annoy
38—Prophet
39—Shot out suddenly
42—French coin
45—Oriental ruler
47—Terror
49—American writer
51—Watering place
53—Continent (abbr.)
55—Month (abbr.)



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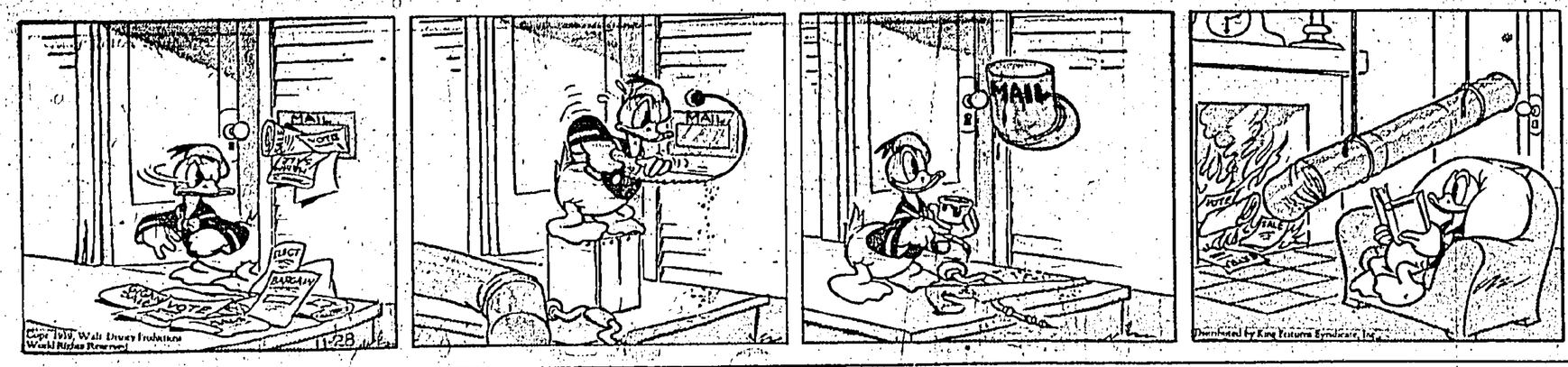


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"I have a member in mind now.

"That, I know, is what Horace Goldin would have wished."

Goldin was president of the club. At one time he had ten companies exploiting the famous "sawing through a woman" illusion; a model showing how it is worked is among the secrets in the safe.

### He remembered

He left no will, and letters of administration have been granted to his widow, Mr. Helen Leighton Goldstein, now living in America.

Goldstein was Goldin's real name; he was a Polish-Jew, and he emigrated to America as a youth.

Mr. Goldston said the reason Goldin left so little was that for years he had supported seven people who used to work in his shows.

They had to give up their jobs through illness. One was a woman.

Mr. Goldston added: "Goldin had a hard time as a boy, and it made him generous to everybody he employed.

"Every Friday he would come into my room to make out pay envelopes for his seven pensioners. It was his great secret.

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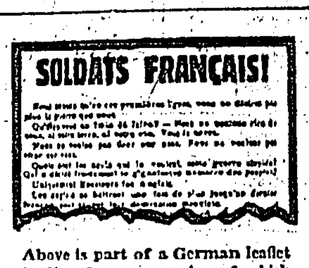

Above is part of a German leaflet in French, some copies of which fell in Luxemburg. Translation is:

FRENCH SOLDIERS!

We know that in these front lines you don't want the war any more than we do.

What are you doing? We want nothing from you; neither your land nor your life. And that you know.

You don't want to fire on us and we don't want to fire on you.

Who are the only people who really want this ridiculous war? Who has wantonly decided upon this gigantic slaughter of peoples?

Simply and solely the English. The English once again will fight to the last Frenchman to save their World Power.

### Wife To See All The Documents

# MALCOLM CAMPBELL DIVORCE CASE PLEA

## Wife To See All The Documents

**SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL'S petition for divorce from Lady (Dorothy Evelyn) Campbell, on the ground of her alleged adultery with the Hon. Brian Lewis and Mr. Angus Murdoch Keith, was mentioned in the Court of Appeal last month.**

Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., for Lady Campbell, supported an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Henn Collins, in the Divorce Division, relating to the discovery of documents in the divorce proceedings.

He said that there was a petition by Sir Malcolm and a cross-petition by Lady Campbell. The petitions had been consolidated.

To Sir Malcolm's petition there was an answer by Lady Campbell admitting adultery with one of the two co-respondents named by Sir Malcolm and alleging acts on the part of Sir Malcolm conducing to the adultery.

The answer of Sir Malcolm to his wife's petition was a denial of her allegations.

In her answer to Sir Malcolm's petition, said Mr. Levy, Lady Campbell admitted that between 1931 and 1934 she committed adultery with one co-respondent, but she said that Sir Malcolm had consistently neglected her and that he had been in the habit of associating with certain women—in spite of her protests.

### WOMEN NAMED

Lady Campbell named a number of women with whom, she said, Sir Malcolm had associated.

Upon that issue, added Mr. Levy, an order against Sir Malcolm was made for the discovery of documents. In due course Sir Malcolm filed an affidavit of documents, but it contained no reference to any correspondence passing between Sir Malcolm and the women mentioned by Lady Campbell in her answer or of his association with them.

Lady Campbell, however, was in possession of a number of letters and other documents which had been written by the women mentioned to Sir Malcolm or by him to them, and other documents such as invoices or receipts for jewellery which would appear to have been presents for some of the women.

### WOMAN'S OPERATION

Accordingly Lady Campbell took out a summons for an affidavit of specific documents. This came before a Registrar, who made an order on it that certain classes of documents should be disclosed. These included correspondence between Sir Malcolm and Hilda Rogers and her medical adviser, and cheques etc., relating to a surgical operation undergone by Hilda Rogers in August 1937.

Hilda Rogers, Mr. Levy said, was one of the women referred to in the particulars of conduct conducing.

Sir Malcolm appealed from the Registrar's order to Mr. Justice Henn Collins, who allowed the order to stand so far as it related to the documents which were in Lady Campbell's possession, but not in regard to other similar documents.

Mr. Levy submitted that Lady Campbell was entitled to have all the documents disclosed.

Giving judgment allowing the appeal, the Master of the Rolls, said that the existence of the negotiations alleged by Lady Campbell was a relevant matter and he could see no ground for limiting the order in the way the judge limited it.

The appeal would be allowed and the order of the Registrar restored. Lords Justices Scott and MacKinnon concurred.

## Blaming The Enemy

A German broadcast was blamed at Weymouth, when a summons against Frank Ernest Charles Roe, landlord of the Cutter Hotel, for supplying liquor after hours, was dismissed.

Policemen who were listening outside the hotel said they heard a voice say, "Come on, let's have one for the road."

For the defence it was stated that liquor was served to residents—two civilians, a flight-lieutenant, and four non-commissioned officers.

Captain F. D. Roe, the landlord's father, said the words heard by the police came in a German broadcast in English from Zeesen.

# THESE ARE THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING AT HOME

Novelty dance numbers, which considerably enlivened last year's Christmas and New Year festivities, and swing music, say Hongkong bandleaders, will be the vogue this season.

Of the novelty dance numbers, bandleaders select the Boomps-a-Daisy and that old favourite, the Palais Glide.

Already a popular item in many places, the 'Boomps-a-Daisy has not yet become a "hit" at the cabarets, although the dance was introduced to Hongkong some time ago by Dave Harvey, the popular entertainer at the "Gripps", who is now in Manila.

Cabaret managements, however, have optimistic views that the number will be popularised before the festivities begin.

An old war-time favourite, the Valeta, will come into prominence this year, according to a bandleader's predictions. It has already gained popularity in the past few weeks.

**The latest song hit of the present war, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," will take its place beside songs of the last war, such as "Tipperary," and "Pack Up Your Troubles."**

Many people have already become acquainted with the words of "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," for the verses are "boarded" every time the tune is played at the Hongkong Hotel.

Another very popular tune of the present war which has already been heard in Hongkong on the radio, "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," is expected to be popularised in Hongkong by the New Year.

Two other tunes now popular in Great Britain, "Run, Rabbit, Run," and "Nasty Uncle Adolf," are expected to become favourites in Hongkong shortly.

Words to the novelty number tune, the Boomps-a-Daisy, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," and Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," are:

### The Boomps-a-Daisy

*Clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*I like a bustle that bends,*
*Clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*What is a boomp between friends?*
*Clap hands, now don't be lazy,*
*Let's make the party a wow,*
*Now then, clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*Turn to your partner and bow,*
*Bow-wow, bow, bow-wow.*

### Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line

*Mother dear I'm writing you from Somewhere in France,*
*Hoping this finds you well,*
*Sergeant says I'm doing fine,*
*"A soldier and a half,"*
*Here's a song that we'll all sing,*
*I'll make you laugh.*
Chorus:
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*Have you any dirty washing mother dear?*
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*Cos the washing day is here.*
*Whether the weather may be wet or fine,*
*We'll just rub along without a care,*
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*If the Siegfried Line's still there.*

### Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Good-bye

*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,*
*Cheerio here I go on my way.*
*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,*
*With a cheer, not a tear, make it gay.*
*Give me a smile I can keep all the while,*
*In my heart while I'm away,*
*Till we meet once again you and I,*
*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye.*

## Boon of War: Fewer Saxophones

Men who make saxophones are busy on work of national importance, which is not making saxophones.

In Besson and Company's factory, just off Marble Arch, 90 craftmen are working on an order for 5,000 trumpets and bugles for the three services, and on another for 21 complete military band outfits for the Australian Defence Force.

### A Useful Job

The cutting out, the shaping, the metal-spinning and the bending, which turn sheets of rough brass and copper into the instruments which shine on the parade ground is to be seen.

Working at his lathe, Arthur Baillie, who has spent all his life at the craft, told something of the uses of metal-spinning.

"Spinning's a useful job," he said, as, with a few deft touches, he spun the brass binding on to the bell-mouth of a trumpet.

"It's not all for trumpets and such-like. I've made chalices and candlesticks, silver cups and hunting horns."

## Germany Ripe For Revolt, Says Strasser

Paris.

"Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution," declared Dr. Otto Strasser (who has been called "Hitler's worst enemy") in a "Paris-Soir" interview.

Dr. Strasser, who is now in Paris, disclosed that he was given four hours to leave Switzerland after the Munich bomb explosion because the Nazis were demanding his extradition.

His opinion is that the bomb attempt "could only have been caused by Gestapo provocation."

"I can give you one tasty detail," he continued. "The beerhouse where the explosion took place had been insured with a Swiss company four weeks previously.

### "Rising In Spring"

"I have continuous contact not only with members of my organisation but also with numerous militarists and party members.

"I can tell you that Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution. But you know that Germans do not know how to act without receiving a formal order.

"First of all three conditions must be realised:

"The Germans who still believe in Hitler should really feel the horrors of war.

"The Reich must suffer its first military check; and

"Privations must become more biting.

"I consider that by the spring of 1940 these three conditions will be fulfilled."

[Dr. Strasser is the leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" organisation and has waged a bitter war from abroad against Hitler since his brother, Dr. George Strasser, was killed by the Nazis in Berlin some years ago.]

[The brothers were at one time Hitler's most trusted friends.]—Reuter.

# Nation Cannot Afford "Little Barbarians"

"The nation cannot afford to let education policy . . . 750,000 children grow up as little barbarians."

Earl De La Warr, President of the Board of Education, said.

He was addressing a teachers' meeting at Toddington, Gloucestershire.

About 750,000 children had been evacuated. A similar number left behind were receiving no schooling.

Earl De La Warr hoped to make an early statement on the Government's

*At Aldeburgh, Suffolk, the Mayor has turned his parlour into a voluntary school until raid shelters have been made at the local school.*

Accusations of "gambling with the safety of children" were made at Bournemouth Town Council meeting.

The Education Committee was criticised for failing to provide raid shelters at elementary schools.

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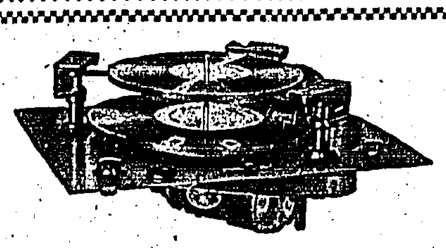

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## War Spending

J. M. Keynes, the English economist, has been putting up a proposition for paying for the war which, at first sight, looks like a conjuror's device for enabling everyone to hand over money to the State and yet have it safely in the banks for future use.

The position broadly is this: when a country is at war a great part of its effort goes into fighting and making war goods, and therefore less effort is available for producing ordinary consumption goods—the nation's consumption must be reduced. The reduction may be effected by taking away some of its earnings by taxation, so that it must spend less; or by raising prices, so that it does not get so much for its money. Both methods if pressed far have their drawbacks.

So Mr. Keynes suggests a third method which would counteract the tendency for prices to rise, and would yet leave the worker with some part at least of his surplus earnings credited to him for future use. Employers would deduct a certain percentage of wages and incomes from all payments due to employees and hand it over to the State. The Treasury would then deal with the accounts. Those who were liable for income tax would have the amount withdrawn from their credit, and the balance would be credited to them at 2½ per cent, to be repayable after the war.

The plan reveals itself as one for compulsory lending to the State. But there is much to be said for the method by which the loan would be raised. Whether people like it or not, thrift must be practised during the war, and here is a way of simplifying it and using it for the benefit of the State. It has the advantage of preventing over-consumption at a time when there will be little or no unemployment, and reserving consuming power for a time when it will be most needed—after the war, when there will be danger of severe unemployment. This is not to say that the danger of these savings being hit by post-war inflation can be ruled out. But if a simple means can be found for directing a nation's war spending on sound lines, that is just what is wanted in Britain to-day.

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The Scene Shifters: *"For Gott's sake, boss, make up your mind. Which scene do we start with?"*

# WHY HITLER HESITATES

*by Francis Williams*

No real ray of light yet penetrates the fog of this strange new war.

The war strategy of the Allies is, it is true, clear enough, and on the whole thoroughly commendable. It has from the beginning been directed to avoiding large wastage of life in attacks against strongly fortified positions. It is the strategy of siege warfare, not of an attempt at a knock-out blow—whether by land or air.

It is the German reaction which provides the mystery of the war.

Here are threats plied upon threats, but so far hardly any action at all. Instead of the blitzkrieg expected, there is confusion and inactivity. In place of the waves of attacking planes which each one of us anticipated, there is a spray of propaganda which dashes itself to nothingness against the rock of fact.

Why is this? What is happening inside Germany to explain this failure of German arms even to attempt any decisive action?

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There seem to me to be four possible explanations. Here they are:

**(1) German inactivity may be a quite deliberate and considered policy of political war.**

As I pointed out in one of my previous weekly articles, military and political weapons are, for Herr Hitler, interchangeable—he employs whichever seems most likely to achieve his purpose.

And it is possible that he still considers that if Germany takes no decisive action, and particularly no decisive action against civilian populations, Britain and France will get tired of making a war which has no battles and will, in the end, allow it to die of its own inertia, leaving Germany still in possession of Czecho-Slovakia and her part of Poland.

Hitler may have studied the history of Sanctions against Italy and remember that after a period of not very whole-hearted action, there came a time when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that Sanctions had become midsummer madness. They were ended and Italy remained with her Abyssinia prize.

He may think—wrongly, I consider—that if he bides his time and does nothing very much, history will repeat itself, and that Mr. Chamberlain will make another speech and that another act of aggression will have been allowed to succeed.

**(2) The absence of a German attack may be due to inability to attack effectively against strong defences.**

The Air Force which has hung as a threat over Europe for so many years, may have been largely bluff and may not, in fact, be competent to undertake engagements which will involve it in a clash with first-rate opponents.

And the Army may be insufficiently equipped, have too small a proportion of fully trained men, and be unable to rely upon an efficient enough transport system to make it possible for it to risk any large engagement.

**(3) There may be dissensions so acute within Germany that the regime dare not risk a major war operation.**

It may not dare risk it for fear that it shall provide the cover for a major internal revolt—either within the Nazi Party itself or on the initiative of a monarchist-Army group, or possibly—although at the present stage this seems not very probable—within the mass of bewildered ordinary people.

**(4) Indecision may be due to a brainstorm on the part of Hitler himself.**

The feeling that he is being thwarted by Britain and France may, for the time being, have upset the balance of a mind never very stable.

Opposition to his will has always driven Hitler into a frenzy. If to this is added the effect of the Munich bomb plot, it may be that the Fuehrer is in no condition to come to any decisions himself and that none of his entourage has the courage to make decisions for him other than the makeshift decision to fill in the gap with loud threats.

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Which of these possible explanations of German inactivity is the most likely to be correct? It is very difficult to say.

There is some evidence to support each of them.

In support of the first is the fact that the one constant theme of German radio propaganda in English has been—apart from dislike for Mr. Churchill—that this is an absurd war. Again and again comes the attempt to persuade the people of Britain that none of their real interests is affected, and that it would be better for everybody if the war were called off without further ado. There is other evidence of the same kind.

Yet such an explanation does not square either with the bursts of hate propaganda, or with what seems at one time to have been very near to a decision to attack Holland.

In favour of the second explanation is the definite failure of the German air attacks on Scotland, the very high percentage of casualties and the accumulating evidence that the German Fighters are inferior to both the British and French.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the leaders of a great military machine like the German would admit inferiority simply on such evidence and without the test of a really large scale action.

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As to the dissension within Germany, there was evidence of that before the Munich bomb showed the pitch to which hatred of Hitler has risen among some, at any rate, of those near to him.

And finally we have plenty of evidence over a long period of the unstable nature of the German Leader—of the passions into which opposition to his will throws him and of how queerly balanced in him are periods of indecision and of sudden political flair and decision.

Reports of a contemplated attack, first in this direction and then in that, the mixture of conciliation and hate in propaganda, all suggest that he is in one of these moods of indecision now.

If so we must not expect that indecision to last indefinitely. Nor, if we are wise, will we underestimate the power and energy of Herr Hitler when he does make up his mind.

Here then are four possible explanations of the mystery of Germany's inactivity. My own feeling is that it is something of all four which holds Germany back.

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Hitler, I think, has not yet quite made up his mind that the era of victories without war is over; he has been shaken in his hopes of a lightning war by his generals' reports on the comparative strength of the German forces and still more shaken by the knowledge of plots against him. In consequence he is at the moment in a mood of hysteria which makes decision impossible.

No doubt that mood will pass. But while it lasts we gain. Every day increases our output of arms, every day improves further our already strong Air Force.

And within Germany indecision at the top must be having a crushing effect upon the morale of the mass.

We must not fall into the danger of over-confidence, nor delude ourselves that Nazism will be defeated without a struggle.

But we may, at any rate, congratulate ourselves that in these early days democracy has shown a steadiness both of strategy and purpose that Hitlerism has been unable to achieve.

# Civil Defence Achievements

## 2,000,000 Shelters Now Ready

GLASGOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Civil Defence organisations formed the subject of a speech here by the man responsible for them—Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security.

What is called a lull may be the lull before the storm, he said, and a wise man sees that his home is in order before the storm breaks over it.

Civil defence organisations were by no means excessive, considering the tasks they may have to meet when an attack from the air comes. He was more concerned with whether or not they were sufficient.

By the end of this month, 2,000,000 steel shelters will have been provided, affording protection to over 11,000,000 people in the most vulnerable areas.

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LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Labour Party and Trade Union General Council of Finland have invited the British Labour Movement to send a representative to Finland to study the situation there.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"The wife's beginning to wonder why I've stopped biting my nails!"

**OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE**

# ENTIRE RUSSIAN DIVISION SMASHED BY THE FINNS

## Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

## *DISQUIET NOT YET ALLAYED*

London, Jan. 8.

The fact of Mr. Hore-Belisha making the Duke of Windsor a major-general causing embarrassment to the Army Staff in France is one of numerous wholly unconfirmed reasons cited this morning for the disagreement between the Minister for War and high army officers, which political circles believed detonated the "Belisha Bombshell."

Dame Rumour had a week-end field day, and purported explanations —all entirely unsubstantiated—were as varied as they were numerous.

Political dope revolved around a quarrel between Mr. Hore-Belisha and army generals, but opinions regarding the form of the disagreement varied.

Probably the most restrained version stated that the generals were opposed to Mr. Hore-Belisha's policy of army organisation in France, but one Sunday morning paper went so far as to accuse the generals of seeking to establish "something like a military dictatorship," while the *Daily Mail* this morning hints that Mr. Chamberlain is considering the establishment of a Ministry of Defence under Mr. Churchill, with which it is considered Mr. Hore-Belisha is incompatible.

There is increasing uneasiness as to the after effects of the crisis. The Press Association voicing concern as to whether "Tommy Atkins' faith may not be shaken," at the same time pointing out that the event is open to an explanation which so far is not forthcoming. They say that a secret session is hardly calculated to allay public disquiet, besides providing excellent material for the German propagandists.—*United Press.*

### Reforms Will Stay

London, Jan. 8.

Mr. Hore-Belisha to-day bade farewell to his staff at the War Office.

A Parliamentary correspondent learns that there is no question at present of an earlier recall of Parliament to discuss the resignation.

Some concern has been expressed by Labour leaders lest the resignation lead to abandonment of some of the reforms introduced during Mr. Hore-Belisha's tenure of office, but it is pointed out that these decisions were taken by Government as a whole and not by individual Ministers. Consequently no major changes are to be expected.—Reuter.

### An Early Riser

London, Jan. 8.

Sir Andrew Duncan, new President of the Board of Trade, is living up to his reputation for beginning the day's work early. He arrived at the Board of Trade before 10 a.m. and began the task of taking over the duties of his new office.

Sir John Reith, newly appointed Minister of Information, also arrived at the Ministry before 10 a.m. to take up his new duties.—*Reuter.*

## New Exchange Rates Set By Bank

### Narrowing Buying & Selling Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Taking advantage of the new tighter exchange regulations which became effective to-day, the Bank of England narrowed the spread between buying and selling rates for dollars to one cent instead of two cents.

The Bank similarly adjusted its rates for French francs.

Except for Stockholm and Oslo, which remain unchanged, the Bank raised sterling against other official currencies, simultaneously narrowing the spread.

### Result Of Pressure

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's alterations in the Bank of England's official exchange rates are viewed by banking circles as the probable result of pressure by commercial institutions who have believed for some time that the spread between the buying and selling rates are unjustifiably large.

Authoritative quarters stress that the decision will reduce the spread and is in no way connected with to-day's new regulations regarding the transfer of sterling from resident to non-resident accounts.

The new rates merely represent the return of greater normalcy in quotation such as prevailed prior to the supersession of the free market by official quotations.

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CANBERRA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, stated to-day that the Government immediately is considering the question of diplomatic representation in Tokyo.

## No Threat To Boulder Dam

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The War and Navy Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation deny knowledge of foreign reports of a plot against the Boulder Dam. It is stated the rumours were probably due to the special precautions taken during the past month to guard the Dam.

The Commissioner of Reclamation, Mr. John C. Page, said he had not heard of any plot. The rumours were probably precipitated by the precautions taken by the authorities.

**Press On War Events**

## General Staff Of Economics Is Demanded

### Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha and the economic war are the two chief topics in to-day's British Press.

Both the "Daily Herald" and the "Manchester Guardian" ask Mr. Chamberlain to lighten our darkness in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

The "Daily Herald" says that if the resignation is purely for personal reasons, the Prime Minister will have to satisfy the nation that they could not have been composed in some other way.

On the other hand, the "Times" takes a different view. There has not been one word of criticism by the Army of Mr. Hore-Belisha's reforms. It says that a more natural explanation is that a series of minor differences not concerned with the war gradually brought the Prime Minister to a point where he felt that a change would make smoother work in the department and in the Cabinet.

### Complacent Conduct

Both the "Manchester Guardian" and the "News Chronicle" are concerned over the too complacent conduct of the economic war. In Germany this question naturally has received most careful attention and in some quarters in Britain, amusement and satisfaction have been aroused at the state to which Germans are reduced.

An eminent authority, however, suggests that the Germans are actually consuming less than they are producing.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that against such an enemy we too must show that we are capable of great sacrifices.

### Revolutionary Changes Needed

The ruler of Germany is the master of vast resources. All the energies of his nation have been bent to one task—that of creating military strength. The youth of Germany has been trained as never youth has been trained since the days of Sparta. Many in Britain do not realise that if we are to defeat Hitler we must be prepared for revolutionary changes and larger sacrifices, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The "News Chronicle" discusses the little attention paid by responsible Ministers to the question of conserving and using our resources.

Field Marshal Goering, the new Nazi economic dictator, is now equipped with an economic general staff. Britain needs more readiness for trying out innovations and readiness for change and sacrifice.

The journal would like to see an economic general staff for Britain.

## Ship's Fight With U-Boat

### Successfully Evades Two Torpedoes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Royal Mail liner, Highland Patriot, 14,000 tons, has arrived here safely after a running fight with a U-boat.

The ship was attacked by the submarine which fired two torpedoes. Both missed.

The ship's guns were promptly manned and the gunners continued firing when conditions permitted for some two hours.

## 40,000 Repatriated Nazis Return

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency announces that 40,000 repatriated Germans from the former Eastern Poland have arrived at Lodz, where they are accommodated in camps.

The first contingent of Germans from the former North and Central Poland, many of whom made the journey in horse-drawn vehicles, have also arrived at Lodz.

## Defenders' Greatest Victory of the War: Much Material Taken

Helsinki, January 9.

**The Finns have announced that their army has smashed the entire Russian Forty-Fourth Division, between fifteen and eighteen thousand men, near Soumussalmi.**

**The communique states that among the material captured were 1,170 horses, 47 field kitchens, 378 automobiles and ten armoured cars.**

**A special communique characterises the victory as the biggest since the Russo-Finn war began.**

**Over a thousand Russians were captured, in addition to 43 tanks, many guns and a vast amount of other booty.**—*United Press.*

### Finnish Advances

Helsinki, Jan. 8.

The Finnish troops continue to advance on the Salla front. Preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, the Finns re-occupied their positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Soviet troops.

The Russians are digging themselves in and are finding the cold so intense that many soldiers became unconscious.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

### Red Communique

Moscow, Jan. 8.

A Red Army communique states that scouting activities were continued in the Ukhta and Reporla regions, while patrols outed a Finnish detachment in the Petrozavodsk region.

Artillery fire and scouting activities were reported from the Karelian Isthmus.

Owing to unfavourable weather there was no aviation activity.—*United Press.*

### Intense Cold Spell

Karelian Isthmus, Jan. 8.

Intense frost which congealed low particles almost like snow, was the ally of the Finns in their defence against the Russians on Sunday.

It was too cold for any major activity except artillery fire, which at times burst heavily on the Isthmus, for most of the Russian fingers were too numb to squeeze their rifles in view of the temperature dropping as low as 33 under zero. It is possible that it was colder elsewhere.—*United Press.*

### Pushing Home Advantage

Rovaniami, Jan. 8.

The 300 Russians who in last night's communique were announced as killed were in the first major encounter in 14 days on the Salla sector—the encounter in which the Finns are pushing their advantage in an effort to mass the remnant of the Russian forces between the two jaws of a nut cracker movement south of Salla.

The fighting has now reached the actual border in the Suomussalmi sector at Raate. The town of Raate is two kilometres from the frontier on the road from Suomussalmi to the border. Lakke Raate, in the same neighbourhood, is dissected by the frontier.

The ski detachment killed at Salla apparently belonged to the forces which the Russians equipped in an effort to emulate Finnish penetration tactics. As a rule these isolated detachments are much larger than Finnish patrols. They may comprise any number up to 1,000.

The use of skils by the Russians is reported on several fronts recently, but the Finns claim that hardly one Russian knows how to skil. It is claimed that they found skils with Russian felt boots nailed on them.

When the Russians are forced to flee they leave the skils and boots behind.

"The fact is that an ordinary Russian soldier's boots are unfit for skils whether they are made of felt, as in most cases, or leather, whereas the Finnish soldier's boots have turned up tops to fit into the bindings of the skils and are easily removed.

On Kianta Lake the Finns found among captured war materials small trucks loaded with skils—Finnish skils taken from evacuated Finnish towns and apparently intended for use later by Russian forest patrols. *United Press.*

### Appeal For Aid

London, Jan. 8.

An Empire-wide broadcast appeal for help of every kind for Finland was made last night by Doctor Tancred Borenius, Professor of History of Art at London University, who is himself a Finn.

"Although we have been victorious so far," he said, "it is obvious that the hour of danger is not past."

In referring to the fact that the British Legion had lent a house to serve as the headquarters of the fund, he said the Legion had not been slow in realising that Britain and Finland were fighting for the same ideals. It was on Finland that the brunt of the battle was now falling.

The greatest and most urgent need was medical supplies of all kinds.

The ruthless bombing of cities and villages and the machine-gunning of civilians wherever Russian aeroplanes sighted them, created casualty lists of appalling length.

Dr. Borenius mentioned that the King and Queen had both sent donations to the fund.—*British Wireless.*

**WESTERN FRONT**

## Calm, Except Near Vosges

### French N.C.O., Wins Two Decorations

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, the calm on the Western Front was almost universal except west of the Vosges, where two Nazi patrols were repulsed after heavy hand-to-hand fighting.

Individual acts of courage receive recognition in the official journal, in which are named 23 awards for gallantry.

One N.C.O. gets both the Military Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. His unit inflicted heavy losses on a German unit. The N.C.O. then led a counter-attack in which five prisoners were taken.

### Berlin Reports Activity

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that there has been more lively artillery fire and reconnaissance activity on both sides on the Western Front.

It adds that enemy artillery bombarded the Perl and Upper Perl regions, and also the wide valley north-east of Ritzungen.

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

FROM PAGE ONE

other nations were building warships rapidly.

"The United States will be a relatively weak naval power unless Congress authorises further construction," he warned.

Admiral Stark supported the 25 per cent. increase in tonnage and a total of 6,000 planes for the naval air arm as authorised by the Vinson Bill.

He said that the Bill would at a cost of $1,300,000,000 provide 107 new ships, including 30 auxiliary vessels.

The Admiral's testimony followed a brief statement by Secretary for the Navy Mr. Charles Edison asking for enactment of the Bill "in view of the grave international situation."

## Eire May Have New Government

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has nominated six additional members to sit at the Council of State. They mostly belong to the Cosgrave Party.

It is seen in these nominations an indication of closer political co-operation between the Government and the Opposition parties, and some quarters even suggest that it may foreshadow a national government with the object of overcoming the present difficulties.

## TURKISH 'QUAKE RELIEF GIFT

LAHORE, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A sum of £1,500 has been collected at a public meeting in Lahore for Turkish earthquake victims.

A message of sympathy will be sent from the people of Lahore.

## Dreaming With Eyes Open

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The "North China Daily News" has received from a gentleman in Nanking who styles himself "Retrocession Commissioner of the Reformed Government" an invitation to attend "a reception and ball at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong, on the occasion of the formal signing of an agreement between China and Great Britain to cede Hongkong to the former."

The date of the signing of the agreement will, it is said, be announced later.

The invitation states that "the Commissioner takes this opportunity of expressing gratification that all foreign Settlements and Concessions which have been encroaching on Chinese sovereignty and soil are now a thing of the past."

## JAPANESE CENSORS

### Tsingtao Telegrams Much Delayed

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

Telegrams reporting the burning by Japanese troops of the English Methodist Mission Hospital at Chuchia near Wutingfu, Shantung, on Christmas Day, have been subjected to considerable delay, it is noted here to-day. The delay was presumably caused by Japanese censors.

The first message was filed from Tsingtao on January 4 at 6.15 p.m. It took over 48 hours for transmission, only reaching Shanghai after 7 p.m. on January 6.

The second message in which the Japanese authorities are reported to have admitted burning the hospital was equally delayed. It was filed from Tsingtao on January 5 at 6 p.m. and did not get to Shanghai until 2.15 p.m. on January 6.

Normal transmission time from Tsingtao to Shanghai by the Japanese controlled radio company—the only means of communication—is about three hours. According to the Shanghai office of this Company conditions during the past few days "were normal."—*Reuter.*

The hospital is reported to have been burned by Japanese troops owing to alleged treatment of wounded Chinese guerillas.

## Natives Tell Of German Brutality

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Dec. 13.

TWENTY-TWO natives who have just returned to Port Tanga, Tanganyika, tell a terrible story of Nazi brutality.

They formed the crew of the German coastal tug Klonga, which left Tanga two days before the war. There were two German passengers, one of whom was leader of the Tanganyika Nazi Association.

After five days the Klonga arrived at Kismayu, Italian Somaliland. The natives then informed the authorities that the captain had beaten them with his fists, hammers and spanners.

### Thrown Overboard

One man, they said was locked in a lavatory for seven hours and a mixture of water and chillies was thrown at his face. When released he was nearly dead. At Kismayu the cook was thrown overboard.

The captain excused his actions by saying "There is a war on."

Thereupon the Italians took charge of the natives, refusing a demand that they should be handed back.

Describing the natives' "terrible condition as due to ill-treatment," the authorities put them in a ship bound for Tanganyika.

## BERLIN-MOSCOW TRIAL FLIGHT

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that a Soviet passenger plane has left Moscow on the first trial flight in the new Moscow-Berlin air service.

It says that a German plane will make the flight on January 12 and that the regular service begins on January 21 via Minsk, Koenigsberg and Danzig.

## BRITISH CONVOY FOR JAPAN

### GOODS TO HOLLAND

Copenhagen.

It was confirmed in official British quarters in Copenhagen to-day that Japan has decided to make use of British convoys in future.

A number of Japanese firms have informed the British Government that they will send Japanese goods destined for Holland under the protection of the British Navy.


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## "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# EFFORT TO CONTINUE THE LEAGUE

## Indians Beat Club: Recreio Win Another Low Scoring Game

**AT THE TIME these notes are being written I am unaware of the League Committee's decision, though I know that all the various Clubs with which Ihave discussed the matter want to carry on. It will, of course, hit some more than others, but I know so well how things get slack without some sort of a League to hold them together. There was a rumour going round that the University were taking over the Navy fixtures and producing a second eleven.**

It is good news that the Varsity can raise two elevens, but to be quite frank they are not worth their place in the senior division, and it will do them much more good to play through the junior division with a fair chance of winning. I don't think they will but they may.

To turn to Saturday's cricket, the Club took down a rather weak to Sookunpoo, though H. Owen Hughes made his first appearance for them. As usual their bowling let them down, and to add to their trouble Alec Pearce, who had slightly damaged his side before, strained or tore the muscles of his left side very nastily and could not bowl, and, while he gallantly went in low down with a runner, it was obvious that he was in great pain every time he hit the ball.

### A. H. MADAR AGAIN

MADAR has been making some good scores this season, and he put together a nice 56; while M. el Arculli, who has come on this season I think, ran up 55. Nobody but John Pearce could do anything with the ball, and a declaration with 177 for 8 wickets gave the Club time to get the runs—if they could. But with T. A. Pearce crocked it was most unlikely.

Owen Hughes opened, and considering he was short of practice (I learn an accident put him out of cricket at home early in the season) he shaped excellently. Carey, however, did not, and I don't think he is an opening batsman. He was always liffing to Minu, and bought it early on. Haymes succeeded and batted very confidently. I feel sure that if he could play regularly, and get to the nets he would turn into a very useful bat indeed. Minu bowled steadily, and though Owen Hughes seemed to have his measure he was beaten by one, and well taken in the slips. Shortly afterwards John Pearce snicked A. H. Madar and was also a slip victim.

### A STOUT STAND

AT THIS POINT A. K. Mackenzie came in, and, if somewhat agricultural in method, he was successful in clumping the bowling about while Haymes in more polished stylo held on at the other end. The score mounted rapidly, and someone was even heard to enquire how long was left to get them!

But then a series of catastrophies occurred. Haymes put his leg in front of one from A. M. Rumjahn when he had made 28, and then Minu in one over bowled Mackenzie (22) with his faster ball, and had Day and Daw caught in the slips. Alec Pearce struggled on and got 13, while Potter defended. Minu however pushed a good one down to get Pearce l.b.w., and Finnie did not last long. Suiter, who had dislocated a finger fielding, was absent and so the I.R.C. won by 79 runs in what was rather a chapter of accidents for the Club.

### A Close Thing

AT THE C.S.C.C., the home side got the Recreio champions out for under a hundred runs for, I am told, the third time running. And for the third time running they lost the match. There seems to be some evil joss about that ground that turns some quite good batsmen into spineless ferrets, and I am seriously considering consulting some professor of Geomancy as to what can be done about the *fung shui* of the place.

Possibly the erection of the football stands has prevented our own particular Joss, which, I believe, lives in what is by courtesy known as the billiard-room, from getting a direct view of the Football Club Bar.

However that may be, the C.S. bowlers started very well, and put out three of the Gosanos for eight runs between them. The fourth however, Gerry, who is going to be the best bat of the lot perhaps, saved the situation with a 30 not out, hitting anything loose quite firmly to the boundary. Rodrigues (13) and Beltrao (17) gave him useful support until N. L. Smith, the C.B.S. schoolboy, went on with medium off turners and took 4 for 7. The total was 95 runs.

### COLLAPSE

IT IS TRUE that the C.S. were without Fortescue and Barrow, but there is no excuse for the weakness of the batting. A Weller, another C.B.S. boy playing to fill up the side, made 25 runs, but Richardson, Hollidge, College and McLellan all failed. Perry hung on at one end and got 17 not out, and Whitley, after being apparently bowled but given not out, (Ozorio the bowler agreed) hit the next over from that bowler for twenty. But the side was all out for 86 and Recreio won by 9 runs. Ozorio took 7 for 51 and E. L. Gosano 3 for 27.

## Intra-Club Game

THE CRAIGENGOWER players have a genius for intra-club matches, and seem to enjoy them far more than many others. F. R. Zimmern, A. K. Ismail, H. P. Lim, who has staged a great come back this year, and Tinker Lee all did well with the bat in a twelve-a-side game. There were no very outstanding bowling performances.

## Club 2nd XI Win

THE CLUB SECOND—in what may have been a League match, beat what may have been an Army second eleven by a rapid bit of scoring. The Army included Whatman, Lawrence, Swyer and Q. M. S. Paterson who usually play for the first, I think, and ran up 180 for 8 wickets. Most people got a few, but Lawrence (67) and Whatman (41) were the principal scorers.

Set to get 181 in roughly speaking an hour and a half, the Club brought it off. Armstrong was top-scorer with 59, while Divett, Parsons and Lowe all got into the thirties. Extras were 23 and they got home by 6 wickets. It is interesting to note that against the Army's 31.

## Police Buy It

THE VERY KEEN R.A.F. team made an excellent start by beating a pretty strong Police team very heavily. Nancarrow (he should come from west of the Tamar?) made 42, and took 5 for 18, so he has every reason to look back on the match with pleasure. King got thirty eight, and Waddington 29 plus 4 for fourteen. The Police were all out for 37. The only arresting part of their cricket was when Danbrowsky finished off the Air Force innings by taking four wickets for no runs.

The only other game which comes within my province is one in which an "A" University team was well beaten by D.B.S. For the School, L. R. Buch took 7 for 32 in 8 overs. Macauley (28) Harris (31) and Ebrahim (32) were top scorers for the school who made 182 against their opponents' one hundred and seven.

My account of the all-day game between K.C.C. and C.S.C.C. on Sunday appears in another column.

## SPORT ADVTS.

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# A SPLENDID VICTORY

## Civil Servants Beat The Clock And The Kowloon Cricket Clnb

**ON SUNDAY LAST there was a magnificent all day match between the K.C.C. and the Civil Service who were without Fortescue, Barrow and Whitley, and brought in Weller and N. L. Smith, from the C.B.S., and Attwell. Kowloon were without Robert Lee, who was suffering from tonsilitis, B. D. Lay, G. C. Burnett, and Tom Madar, but when one considers the strength of their batting side it is clear no one but a bowler would have been selected. All the Sunday matches at the K.C.C. are most enjoyable, but this one had the added flavour of a most exciting finish.**

K.C.C. batted first, and Anderson was dropped behind the wicket off the third ball of the match. It was not an easy chance perhaps, but it might have spelt disaster. Fortunately for the Civil Service, after Anderson had scored 7 runs, Perry got an excellent ball past his defence. McLellan and Perry both bowled very well and it was a splendid delivery from the latter which took F. J. Lay's wicket. Runs, however, came fairly steadily, though Mackay, with his score at 13, was bowled by McLellan and Ernie Fincher (10) was l.b.w. to Fenton. Then, however, D. Hung and Teddy Fincher settled down and took the score to 120 without further loss before tiffin.

Considering that the wicket, the light and the weather were perfect, the Civil Service could congratulate themselves on a good morning's work, and they proceeded to do so copiously, and, thereafter, we sat down (it is very nice the way the K.C.C. cricketers ask Mr. R. Abbit along to write rude things about them) to an excellent lunch, or at any rate I did, as my breakfast had been somewhat light.

### AFTER TIFFEN

AFTER TIFFIN McLellan bowled from the Pavilion end, and E. C. Fincher was caught at the wicket off his first ball, 127-5-23. Rapley then went in, Perry bowled at the other end, and D. Hung turned him prettily to fine leg for four. However, when at the other end, he played outside McLellan's first ball—a good off break—back went his leg peg, 134-6-35. Baxter then came in. He was lucky to be dropped in the gully in Perry's next over—a very keen chance. But wickets continued to fall, and Rapley was taken at wide mid-on. (141-7-3).

Lloyd then came in and clumped a single to mid-wicket, and thereafter the batsmen started running very keenly for singles and twos. Runs came quite fast until McLellan got one past Lloyd's defence, 163-8-14. A. Zimmern batted next and got a two off the last ball of the over—a very good one. Baxter began to let out, and was twice lucky when intended drives went away to leg, one for a boundary.

The C.S.C.C. fielding grew rather slovenly, and, though both batsmen were nearly caught, things would not go right for the attack, which, I think, should have been changed earlier. As has so often happened, after being in a good position, the C.S. attack seemed to lose its grip.

### ANOTHER WICKET

AT 190, Fenton went on for Perry, and in his first over Lawrence took Baxter nicely at first slip. 192-9-29. R. T. Broadbridge came in. The two hundred went up, and then at 204 Fenton bowled him for a score of ten. The C. S. should have got them out cheaper, but the strength of the K.C.C. batting is shown by the fact that Archie Zimmern and R. T. Broadbridge went in numbers ten and eleven.

### C.S.C.C. BAT

RICHARDSON and Weller opened to Lloyd and Anderson. Weller put the latter through the covers, and the ball was fielded well up on the grass rise just short of the cinder track. A similar hit had been given as a four to a K.C.C. batsman, and the local rule should be made clear to everyone. Runs came slowly and Weller was nibbling dangerously at Lloyd's off ball. At 12 he was beaten by Anderson's off break after having driven him very prettily to the off boundary the ball before.

He gives me the impression of having been very well coached, and he has a nice style, but I cannot help thinking he plays at where he thinks the ball ought to be, rather than where it is. In other words, he must learn to watch the ball right on to the bat. This will come with practice and experience. 12-1-8.

Hollidge, who came in next was prone to nibble at the wrong ball on the off, but he missed them fortunately, and runs came steadily if slowly. At 25 tea was taken.

### AFTER TEA

AFTER TEA things again progressed quietly. Hollidge was fortunate to be dropped off his pet cut at first slip. Otherwise he was playing very well. Richardson made a big dr[ive] drive off Anderson, but was lucky to find long on standing much too close in. At 45 Richardson hit the ball hard and straight to cover and called for a naughty single, and Hollidge only just got the decision. He celebrated it by a four to square leg, and then Richardson survived an appeal for a stumping off Lloyd. In the same over Hollidge snicked a four in the slips; no chance, but a bad shot. Both bowlers were having hard luck, but there should have been a change much earlier. At 60, Hollidge again steered his cut into (and out of) first slip's hands. He will have to lose that stroke if it takes a surgical operation.

### A CHANGE AT LAST

AT 67, Baxter was put on for Anderson at the K.B.C. end. Hollidge cut a full toss very nicely square for

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Football Meeting

## Teams May Travel To Shanghai

### Protest Against Referee's Ruling

**GOVERNMENT'S permission for soccer and rugger teams to travel to Shanghai for interport matches during the Chinese New Year holidays was made known at the Council meeting of the Hongkong FA. yesterday.**

**A strong protest was lodged by Mr. Walter Hanming Chen on behalf of the South China Athletic Association regarding the ordering-off of Lee Shek-yau during the Eastern-South China second division match last week-end.**

**Mr. W. G. Pryde was in the Chair.**

A complaint was received from the Royal Corps of Signals on the ruling of the referee in their match against Royal Engineers on December 31. Mr. Holland said that the referee's decision was final.

### INTERPORT INVITATIONS

A letter was received from Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation requesting permission to stage two charity matches on February 8 and 9, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the Hongkong Chinese Athletes' War Relief Corps.

Mr. Pryde said that no decision could be made until they had heard from Singapore and Saigon. These two ports had been invited to play Interport matches here during that period.

Mr. Pryde added that the Association had received intimation from Manila that they were unable to visit the Colony during the Chinese New Year Holidays, as their players, the majority of whom were students, would be busily occupied with examinations.

A request from the Hongkong Chinese Journalists' Association for a charity match to be played on February 14 in aid of refugees, was granted.

Mr. Walter Hanming Chen said that his Association wished to lodge a very strong protest against the referee's ruling, resulting in the ordering off of Lee Shek-yau. Mr. Hollands said that the matter could not be discussed until the referee had sent in his report. Mr. Pryde said that Mr. Chen could attend the meeting of the Emergency Committee when they met to discuss the incident.

### GROUNDS OVERCROWDED

Mr. Chen also brought up the question of over-crowding of grounds and, as an example, submitted the South China "A"-Eastern match last Sunday, when between 300 and 400 spectators were permitted to pass through the turn-stiles in excess of the seating accommodation.

He made an effort to have the sale of tickets stopped when he saw that the ground was filled to capacity, but as soon as he had turned his back, the ticket sellers at the instance of Eastern officials completed the sale of their last 50 tickets. Mr. Skinner made a similar complaint. It was also alleged that counterfeit tickets had been sold in blocks outside the ground, but that it was impossible to keep a check on these. Mr. Guimgam said that only Government stamped tickets were on sale at the turn-stiles.

Mr. Pryde suggested that the Association write to the clubs concerned regarding over-crowding, requesting stronger action in future.

## Senior And Junior Shield Draws

The following were the draws made:

**Senior Shield**

| | |
|---|---|
| Police | v Middlesex |
| Club or Royal Scots | v Eastern |
| South China "A" | v Navy |
| South China "B" | v St. Joseph's |

**Junior Shield**

| | |
|---|---|
| S. China "A" or Elec. | v 6th Royal Artillery |
| 30th Royal Artillery | v Kowloon or 26th Div. R. A. |
| Eastern | v Royal Engineers |
| International | v Police |

**Lai Wah Cup**

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|---|---|
| Army | v Navy (Jan. 27 Caroline Hill) |
| Civilians | v Chinese (Jan. 28, Navy Ground) |

Rifle Shooting

## Sub. Lt. Carey Scores Possible At 500 Yards

THE HONGKONG Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot on Stonecutters Range last Saturday attracted 47 members under good weather conditions.

Sub-Lt. Carey, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force won the nett spoon in the aperture sights class with a score of 97 and a possible bution at the 500 yards range.

Mne. Croft won the nett spoon in the open sights class with 85, while handicap spoons were won by Mne. Fletcher and Mr. A. Simpson of the Dockyard Rifle Club.

### APERTURE SIGHTS

| | H'cap. | 200 yds. | 500 yds. | 600 yds. | Tl. p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sub/Lt. G. J. P. Carey Scr. | 32 | 33 | 30 | 30 | 97n |
| Cpl. F. Cole 2 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 96 |
| Capt. F. P. Sequeira Scr. | 29 | 34 | 32 | 29 | 95 |
| Mr. J. A. Guard 1 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 94 |
| Sgt. G. E. Breese 2 | 31 | 33 | 30 | 30 | 94 |
| Sl. L. A. C. Chan 2 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 92 |
| Mr. A. Simpson 10 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 29 | 92h |
| Mr. W. Tronouth 1 | 31 | 31 | 29 | 29 | 91 |
| Mr. H. L. Langley 2 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 29 | 91 |
| Q.M.S. J. Ball Nil | 29 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 90 |
| Mr. H. J. S. Blake Scr. | 27 | 29 | 31 | 27 | 87 |

### OPEN SIGHTS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mne. S. Croft 1 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 30 | 85n |
| Mne. Jas. Fletcher 9 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 84h |
| Sgt. M. F. Rushman 7 | 26 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 83 |
| Sgt. R. T. Heap 4 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 27 | 83 |
| Cpl. J. C. Remedios 11 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 79 |
| L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 8 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 77 |
| Pte. R. A. Castro 10 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 73 |
| L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier 7 | 22 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 74 |
| Mr. H. S. Jones 11 | 27 | 27 | 15 | 15 | 69 |
| Mr. V. R. J. Merrett 7 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 68 |
| Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 12 | 25 | 24 | 15 | 15 | 64 |
| Pte. F. V. V. Ribeiro 6 | 22 | 23 | 18 | 18 | 63 |
| Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez 13 | 20 | 17 | 23 | 22 | 62 |
| Pte. A. M. Xamier 14 | 23 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| Pte. E. S. Marques 14 | 22 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 50 |

(n) winner of possible button.
(n) winner of nett spoon.
(h) winner of handicap spoon.
Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

## Referees Asked To Exercise More Care

COMMENT on the number of men sent off the football field during the past week-end was made by the Rev. Hinchcliffe at the meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association yesterday. Though of the opinion that the actions of the referees must have been justifiable, he expressed the hope that the officials would, in future, exercise a little more care and think twice before taking such drastic steps.

It was decided that the annual Press and Referees match be played before the Lai Wah Cup match, between Civilians and Chinese, on January 28 at the Navy Ground.

Mr. D. M. Mitchell, the chairman, said the annual dinner was a success, and small profit realised will be credited to the Building Fund.

A plan of the Association's new club house which will be built in Wongneichong Road was seen by the members, and it was agreed to proceed with the scheme as the Association had acquired $2,000 on loan. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the annual fee be $5, with some footballers as honorary members.

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They Asked Conscientious Objectors These

Questions At Tribunals in England

# WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE REPLIED?

**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS, facing local tribunals at Home, were asked "test" questions by their examiners.**

Here are the problems that were raised and the replies that were given:—

### Would You Fight Your Relatives?

"My father might be in the German Army, and I might have to fight him," Richard Walter Elias explained to the London Tribunal.

Elias is a pin-table mechanic living in Southern-street, King's Cross, N.

Describing himself as British-born, he said that his father, an Austrian, had remarried after a divorce, and that all his cousins were in Germany.

"Are you likely to come across them if you go out to fight?" he was asked.

"There is a possibility," he answered.

The tribunal decided that there was no conscientious objection, and Elias' name was removed from the register.

### Would You Let Your Mother Die?

JOHN RODERICK DAVIES, a farm-worker of Aberdare, Glamorgan, would not resist if Germans tried to kill his mother.

That is what he told the South Wales Tribunal at Cardiff.

"Supposing," it was suggested to him, "a party of Germans landed in Cardiff, marched to Aberdare, and told you that unless you gave them everything they asked for they would kill not only you but your mother as well. What would you do?"

"Stand still and let them in."

"Would you stand quietly and let them kill your mother?"

"Definitely so."

Davies added: "Why should I kill anyone whose mother has the same love for him as my mother has for me?"

He was granted exemption on condition that he undertook agricultural work.

### Would You Kill A Wounded Bird?

AS a boy Albert E. Arnold, of Kemp Town, Brighton, found a bird with a broken wing.

He could not leave it to suffer, so he stamped on its head.

"It haunted me for a week," Arnold told the South-Eastern Tribunal, and added that now he would willingly face a firing squad rather than take life.

He was exempted on condition that he remained in his present job of baker and confectioner.

### Would You Let A Burglar Steal?

IF Victor Chamberlain found a burglar in his house in Ashburton-road, East Croydon, he would not resist.

"I would reason with him," Chamberlain told the London Tribunal.

"If he still insisted I would let him take my goods."

He based his objection to military service on the interpretation of the Christian faith, and declared that it was wrong to kill an enemy.

He was registered for agricultural work.

## FAMOUS PEER ILL

London, Jan. 8.

Oxygen has been administered to the Duke of Westminster, 60, reputed to be one of the richest men in England, who is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

He became suddenly ill after his return from the Riviera, last Thursday.—*United Press.*


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# V. C. Hero of Last War to Lead New Zealanders

A HERO of the Great War, one of whose exploits was referred to by Sir James Barrie in his address on "Courage" to students of St. Andrews University, has been chosen to lead the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

He is Major-General B. C. Freyberg, whose achievements in the last war earned for him the V.C., the D.S.O. with two bars and on two occasions. He was wounded nine times.

Major-General Freyberg, royal approval to whose appointment was announced recently, was the hero of a Gallipoli incident in 1915.

With his body painted black he swam for two miles from a destroyer to the shore with flares, which he then lit to create a diversion to enable troop landings to be made at other points. for this exploit he was awarded the D. S. O.

### Four Wounds In Two Days

He won the V. C. in November of the following year when at Beaumont Hamel he drove a wedge into the German line and on the following day personally led the charge that resulted in the capture of Beaucort. At the time he was 26 and in the two days was wounded four times.

The second bar to his D. S. O. was gained in the closing minutes of the war when, with nine men, he rushed a village and captured more than 100 Germans.

Major-General Freyberg was born in London but was educated in New Zealand and is now 49.

The first echelon of the volunteer force has completed intensive training and is awaiting embarkation. A second echelon is to be called up, it was announced in London.

# TANKS TO CARRY WOUNDED

## TIME SAVED IN LESS SERIOUS CASES

By RICHARD CAPELL
"Telegraph" War Correspondent

With the French Army.

The idea of making tanks do the work of stretcher-bearers would have seemed fantastic in the other war.

But a day or two ago, when on a visit to a battalion in the line, I happened to see the notion realised in practice.

The tank in question was one of the smallest of the breed. Compared with the original tanks which so much surprised those of us who were up by High Wood in the Somme in September, 1916, it is a Yorkshire terrier by the side of a wolfhound.

The French call these little tanks chenillettes. They are not more than 3ft high. It is amazing to see how the little monsters get across rough country and how they climb.

Their principal business is to convey ammunition to the front line; and if they bring back wounded on the return journey, these must be patients in a state to put up with a certain amount of jolting.

### Quicker Than Stretcher

My particulnr chenillette came in from a company aid post to the battalion medical officer with a man who had been wounded by a grenade. Without going into details, it may be said that the ground was less favourable to stretcher-bearing than Hampstead Heath would be.

I do not suggest that conveyance by tank is ever likely to be the ordinary means of bringing in the wounded, and the man with the grenade wound was probably glad enough to be transferred from the trailer of the chenillette into the motor ambulance which was waiting for him at the battalion aid post.

But he had been brought along in about a quarter of the time which a squad of stretcher-bearers would have taken.

### Strong Medical Service

The sector of the front I was visiting has been the scene of a certain activity, but here, as elsewhere, if casualties had been multiplied by 200, the medical service would still have been ready. What the French call evacuation hospitals, corresponding to the casualty clearing stations of the Royal Army Medical Corps, have been organised on an immense scale.

One name may be mentioned, that of the picturesque old Alsatian town of Phalsbourg, which is exclusively occupied by the medical corps.

It is a town of hospitals. Gigantic red crosses on the roofs and in the courtyards and squares announce the fact to enemy airmen, and the place is out of bounds to the rest of the army.

The dedication of the town is perfectly well known to the Germans. Whether they will respect it in the heat of battle remains to be seen.

# Organisation To Help

It has been decided to set up an organisation which will be available to inform relatives of officers of "matters of importance"—especially in case of the death of officers.

This announcement is contained in the Ministry of Information bulletin issued recently.

The term officer includes naval and marine officers, warrant officers, and members of Queen Alexandra's Nursing Service.

The head of the organisation will be Vice-Admiral H. S. Munroe, D. S. O.

Any communications dealing with this subject are to be addressed to "Relatives of Naval Officers Information Bureau, 58 Victoria Street, London, S. W. 1."

# PRIZE COURTS OF WORLD WAR

LONDON (UP).—The archives of the Prize Court, which passes on the disposition of contraband cargoes and vessels seized under the British blockade, are filled with accounts of many thrilling captures and bizarre incidents of the past.

During the last war, thousands of tons of grain, coffee, ores, phosphate rock, nitrate of soda, hides, petroleum, vegetable oils, salt, copper, aluminium, lard, bacon, meat, fruits, cocoa, rubber, fertilizer, tobacco, machinery, brick, tools, chemicals and coal were seized.

Some unique cargoes also fell under the authority of the court. One was consignment of alligators, frogs and snakes for the Berlin Zoo. They were condemned as enemy property and exhibited as prisoners of war.

There was a shipment of human hair from China destined for wigs for German women, and a long argument whether sausage skins were food. When the counsel produced an exhibit of the slimy casings for sausages the court observed:

"Take them away, certainly not."

Some of the difficult cases before the court concerned the shipment of goods for Germany through Denmark. Some 73,000,000 pounds of foodstuffs, rubber and hides, and lard were consigned from New York to Denmark. This quantity represented 13 times the normal shipment of goods via this channel. The entire cargoes were condemned as destined for the enemy. Nearly 40 lawyers were engaged in arguing these cases.

### Role Of Neutrals

The importance of trade carried on by Scandinavian countries, the United States and Latin American republics in relationship to the war was disclosed by the proceedings of the court. The task of the court was made difficult by various devices adopted to hide the fact that cargoes were destined for Germany. The principal means was the setting up of neutral agencies, but in many cases cargoes carried in neutral ships for neutral ports were condemned.

Throughout the war not a single life was lost on merchant vessels subjected to search or detention by the British navy.

Forty-one prize courts were constituted throughout the empire, but the chief court was in London. Some very long and involved judgments were given by Sir Samuel Evans and Lord Merrivale, who presided during the war.

Gross proceeds from cargoes sold amounted to more than $30,000,000. Eighty-one German vessels were condemned and 73 vessels were detained until after the war. Vessels sold yielded some $2,000,000.


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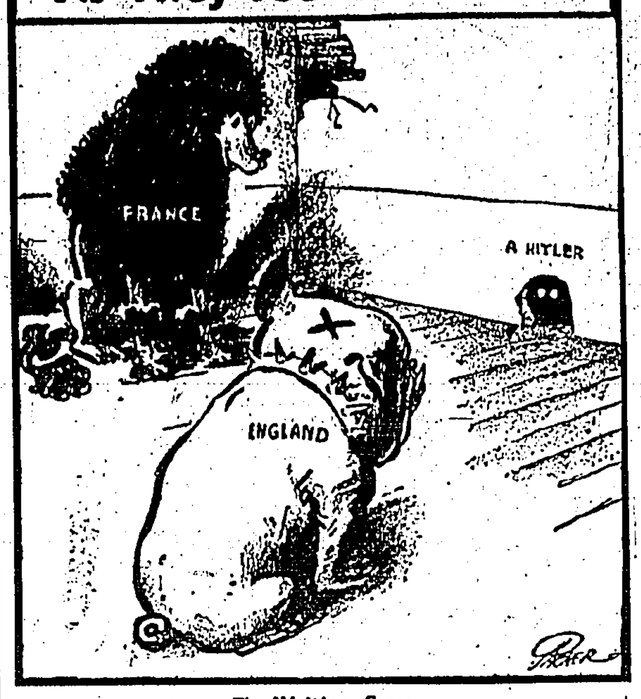
## As They See It Abroad




The Waiting Game
[New York "Daily Mirror"

# HERE'S A SHIP THE NAZIS CANNOT SINK

By W. M. DUCKWORTH

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND.

**I WENT on board H.M.S. ——, well, let's call it Pinafore as it is war-time. I watched the White Ensign hoisted from the stern—that ceremony of hoisting the colour which is performed on all ships of the Royal Navy at nine o'clock in the morning all over the world.**

I heard the chaplain read prayers and the band of the Royal Marines play the National Anthems of the Allied Nations and saw the ship's company march off to the tune of "A Life on the Ocean Wave."

But H.M.S. Pinafore is not really a ship afloat. The Germans won't be able to say that they sank it, because it is unsinkable.

It is a land ship, bearing the honoured name of an old cruiser. It is an example of the Navy's genius for adaptability.

In peace-time it was a holiday camp. Now it is a training establishment for new entries into the Navy.

### "For Your Delight"

Here come the raw material from Eton and Harrow, the village butcher boy and the grocer's lad, the bank clerk and the taxi-driver—all to be shaped into sailors.

Two hundred a day march in at one door wearing their civvies, and 200 a day march out at another door in their new uniforms and pass to the various naval barracks for advanced training.

The old sea dogs, the grey-haired Reservists who have been called up, meet them at the gates and instil into them the need for discipline and physical training.

Life aboard H.M.S. Pinafore is pleasanter than it was in H.M.S. Crystal Palace during the last war.

On the boating lake, where the holiday campers used to paddle about in festooned craft, the lads are learning how to manage a whaler, while the instructor bawls at them from the lakeside.

The tennis courts have been turned into recreation grounds where netball is played, and a vast dance-hall has been converted into a clothing store.

A 60-year-old physical instructor was giving the men Swedish exercises.

"I remember him as my instructor at Osborne College," said one of the officers who piloted me round the ship.

### 300 Gallons Of Soup

To-day he was telling the lads the same old tale. "These exercises," he said as he stretched out his arms and legs like an acrobat, "will make you grow, so that you will be able to join the City Police after the war."

Trainees live in little chalets which were once the holiday homes of the campers. A recruit sleeps on a spring mattress and has a soft white pillow and plenty of blankets, with his own wash hand-basin, and a bed-light for reading in the black-out.

Mechanised waiters run round one of the great dining rooms. Nine electric trolleys go from table to table, each containing 120 hot dinners, and each man makes a grab for his meal as it passes.

To-day's menu, which was served by white-aproned chefs and Wrens, consisted of soup steak and kidney pie with vegetables and prunes and custard.

In one kitchen there was a row of vats almost brimming over with hot lentil soup—300 gallons of it, and it took two men to lift each mammoth steak and kidney pie.

# SHOT OFFICER LEAVES A 'TIP'

A £1 NOTE, with a letter saying that it was for the chambermaid, was found when Captain Reginald Oliver, a railway transport officer, was found shot in a bedroom in the South-Western Hotel, Southampton.

Captain Oliver was seen to be lying dead in the bed, with a service revolver in his right hand, when a fellow officer looked through a bullet hole in the bedroom door.

### In Black-Out

A letter addressed to a friend was found.

**On the previous night he had been knocked down by a motor-car in the black-out, but said he was not hurt.**

His friends say that he had seemed depressed for some days.

Captain Oliver, who stayed with his sister-in-law at Perivale, Middlesex, when he was in London, was the son of Mr. J. W. L. Oliver, C.B., of Baronsmede, Ealing. He was understood to be a widower with a young daughter. He had been at Southampton for six or seven weeks, having been called up at the outbreak of war.

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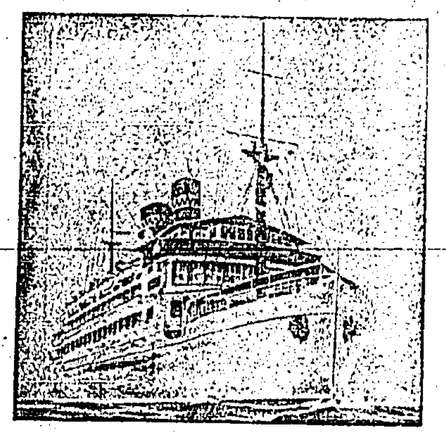

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# TOPS

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*Drawn by ROBB*

FOR good all-round economy there's nothing to beat a blouse: easy on the purse to begin with, time-saving to get into, cheap at the laundry. And they stand alone for picking up a tired suit.

But for all that they are not so easy to wear; because they end at the waist they cut your figure in half. If you are tall that's a good thing, but not many of us have mannequin figures. If you are on the plump side the average light silk blouse gives something of the effect of a skin on a sausage. If you are thin, "sloppy" is the word that rushes to the mind.

But there is no need for these drawbacks. Learn the principles of the kind of blouse you should wear off by heart, and you will feel as comfortable in a blouse and skirt as you do in your dressing-gown. If you can't buy *just* the thing you want, a few home-alterations are worth while.

There are four types of women who think they were hard done by when measurements were handed out—the tall and well-built (she's a fine figure of a woman), type, the short and plump (a real motherly woman), the tall and bony, and the small and slight.

Look at the drawings on this page and you will know, for ever, the kind of blouse you want; minor fashion points will change, but these are the basic types for you.

NO. 1 shows the type for you if you are tall and generously curved. Pick out these points in every blouse you buy: Narrow V neckline to slim your throat; plain vertical panel to flatten your front; slight vertical shirring to disguise the bust; plain, not-too-light sleeves to make as little as possible of your arms; long wrinkled cuffs to slim large wrists and flatter large hands; jumper rather than tuck-in waists to give a softer look over tummy and hips. Choose plain darkish colours—never stripes—in thin materials; not for you husky woollens, fancy cloques and the like.

NO. 2 picks out the points for the short and stocky. In addition to looking thinner, your aim is to look taller, too. Look out for: Narrow V necks or narrow square necks; plain shoulders (exaggerated shoulder width makes you look stockier still); plain sleeves with, if possible, pointed cuffs to make your arms look longer; a vertical line of buttons, embroidery or what you will down the front to give length; pointed waistcoat fronts to disguise your tummy and give a longer line. You, too, should choose darkish colours in thin fabrics, and a small broken pattern is a good idea.

NO. 3 is the one for you if you were ever called "lamp-post" or something similar. You can go all out for plaids and checks and bold patterns: they help to break your height up and disguise your thinness.

And look out for these points: sleeves fitting tightly at the wrist (wide cuffs make wrists look thinner); sleeves fitted but not too tight; high necklines—Eton collars, turtle-necks, bows and scarves; squared shoulders to "broaden" you up; panels or some interest to accent the bust; a fitted waist to make the top half look bulky in contrast; fabrics with "body" that help to fill you out—jerseys and velvets and woollens.

NO. 4 shows pointers for the small, slight woman who finds it easy to look like a schoolgirl in a blouse. You want to look plumper and to gain height at the same time. Watch out for: Vertical lines—stripes are fine—to give you length in the bodice; but see that some of the stripes go the other way to broaden you too; squared shoulders to make you look more important; high, but not too severe, necks; some of your throat should show; high-waisted blouses (have your skirts cut high) to give you a long-legged look; fairly full sleeves to round your arms out.

*1 This is a blouse to shade away the inches—both of height and breadth; of soft periwinkle blue chiffon—shirred over the bust and with a soft neckline.*

*2 Simplicity should be your aim if you are small and plump. A blouse like this slims you and gives length; of soft crepe patterned in blue, mist and rose.*

*3 This type of blouse cuts down the height and gives you weight if you are tall and thin; of red and green plaid in thin wool, with a front panel and a silk scarf.*

*4 To round you out and give you importance. If you're what's usually called a "slip of a thing," choose a blouse like this; of mauve and white striped silk with squared shoulders, a yoke and neat collar.*

**One of the loveliest of this season's plaids is this huge scarlet-green one used with a green-dyed, moleskin jacket in this dramatic suit.**

# Useful Treacle

A taste for black treacle can be acquired, and it is worth while to acquire it, for treacle is wholesome and easily digested. It consequently gives heat and energy more quickly.

There are plenty of ways of using it, on porridge and plain suet puddings, in fruit puddings, ginger bread, parkin, and other brown cakes. Treacle tart (so-called)) is generally made with golden syrup, but real treacle tart is quite as delicious. Cook the pastry case separately, then fill it with warm treacle and sprinkle the top liberally with raisins or chopped dates.

Treacle mould is a novelty that children love. Blend three flat tablespoonfuls of cornflour with a little out of five gills of milk. Bring the rest of the milk to the boil with five dessertspoonfuls of black treacle, stirring frequently. Pour over the cornflour while still boiling, return the mixture to the pan and simmer for ten minutes, stirring all the time. Pour into a wetted mould and leave in a cool place to set.

Treacle biscuits take hardly any time to make, are economical nourishing and delicious. Rub two ounces of margarine into half a pound of flour, stir in six ounces of melted treacle and mix well. Roll the paste out thinly, cut into biscuits and bake in a slow oven.

W. B.

# Spreads For Bread

BUTTER can be saved by using one of the following "spreads" in its place:—

Curd cheese, made by adding a dessert-spoonful of rennet to 1½ pint of milk brought to blood-heat. Leave in a warm place till milk turns. Put in muslin bag, tie up and hang over clean bowl for several hours, squeezing gently now and then. Add a little salt to the curds and form into pat. It should weigh a quarter of a pound. The whey can be used for mixing boiled puddings or pastry.

Chestnut butter made by boiling a pound of chestnuts, rubbing them through a wire sieve and mixing in 2 ozs. of margarine or curd cheese and salt to taste.

Walnut butter, made by mixing ¼ lb. of milled walnuts into a gill of panada (white sauce made with double usual quantities of flour and margarine).

Brazil nuts, almonds and peanuts can be used in the same way.

W. B.

# Uses For Old Towels

TOWELS, like other household goods, do not last for ever. But you need not just cut them up for rags and dusters. There are many uses in the home for old and worn towels.

To repair towels which have begun to wear, darn the worn places with three-ply wool. The wool "felts" with washing and makes a mend which will hardly show and will last for months.

When your tea-towels are wearing thin do not discard them, but select two, place them on top of each other, and machine them together all round and crosswise. In this way you form one thick towel that will last a long time.

Have you an old towel which has become badly worn in the centre? If so, cut out a circle in the middle where it is worn-out and hem the edges all round. You will find this useful if placed over your head next time you shampoo your hair.

With any old bits of towelling—or the good parts of worn ones—you can make practical cushion-covers for your bathroom stool. Pad them with folds of badly worn towelling, and button them on with bands under the stool.

Old huckaback towels can be made into guest towels if cut across the middle and then hemstitched and embroidered at one end, while the best pieces of old Turkish towels can, when required, be made into bibs for young children. They can also be cut up as face squares.

Small strips of old towelling make excellent draught protectors; neatly tack these round the windows or doors and you will be free from those icy blasts that sneak in through the cracks during winter.

L. H.

# R.A.F. Commissions From Ranks

Conditions which will govern the commissioning of airmen from the ranks during the war were announced recently by the Air Ministry. They will obtain pending the issue of a more comprehensive order.

Apart from selections for permanent commissions, which were made before the war and will be carried into effect as soon as possible, all commissions granted to airmen during the war will be tenable for the duration of hostilities only.

Such commissions will be granted to airmen serving on normal regular engagements, and commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve to airmen serving on other engagements.

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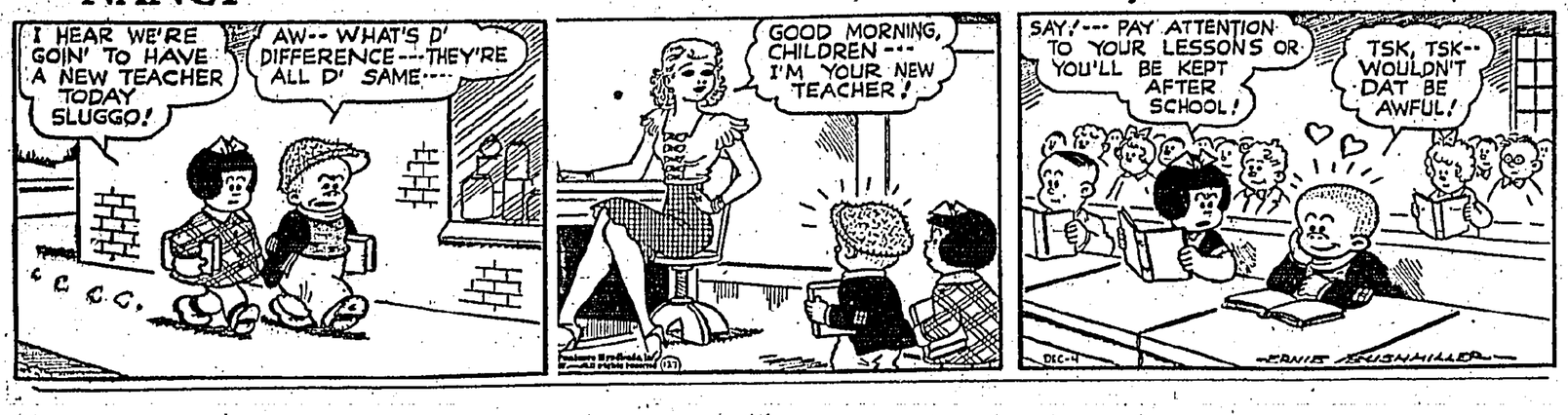
By Ernie Bushmiller




# Goodbye, Mr. Chips

# NEW MASTER

**Mr. Chipping, known affectionately as "Chips" to the boys and Masters of Brookfield School, has been ordered by the doctor to stay at home because of a cold—the first time he had missed the first Evening Assembly of a new school in 58 years. Chips disobeys, but finds himself locked out with a new boy, son of the Duke of Dorset. When Assembly is out the older boys gather affectionately about him. A new master, Jackson, escorts Chips back to his lodging where, seated before the hearth, Chips, now 83, sees himself as a new master coming to Brookfield 58 years earlier.**

THE Brookfield Special waited at the Victoria Station, London, for its load of boys returning, or going for the first time, to that old institution of learning. Newsboys were shouting headlines from the late newspapers: "Special edition—French defeated at Sedan! Special—Emperor surrenders! Empress in flight! Special!"

Amid bustling porters, boys saying goodbye to relatives, stumbling over their bags, a harassed young schoolmaster, Bingham of Brookfield, was sorting the pupils into their seats in the train when a young, diffident man approached him.

"Are you Mr. Bingham?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I'm Chipping, the new master. Can I be of any assistance?"

"Not now—just finishing. Martin! Where's Martin!" Chipping yelled for Martin and that was all that he did to help Bingham. He was ill at ease, uncertain of himself—going to his first school as a master where he hoped to make a name for himself.

**From the novel by JAMES HILTON**

**Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbeus Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.**

AMONG the new boys was one young fellow who, finding himself alone among a lot of strange boys, leaving home for the first time, sat looking out of the window trying hard to keep from crying. Chipping knew just how he felt—for he was feeling much the same himself. He lowered his newspaper and smiled. "Cheer up," he said with a faint smile.

That diffident encouragement was too much for the boy, and after a final struggle he burst into a flood of tears. Chips, appalled at the result of his attempt to cheer the youngster, continued: "I'm new, too. It's not easy to begin with."

The boy flung himself into the corner of the seat and gave vent to a new burst of tearful grief. Chipping made an uncertain gesture towards the boy, and became conscious of a sudden silence among the other boys, and looked furtively about.

"What did he do, Colley? Slap him?" asked a youthful voice.

"Kicked him, most likely," was the reply.

The new master withdrew behind his newspaper.

Arrived at Brookfield, Bingham accompanied Chipping to his quarters.

"I used to have this room. You'll find the draft from that window will give you a stiff neck. What are you looking for? Is something going on?"

Chipping, standing looking out at the window, said in a burst of eager enthusiasm: "Just as I imagined it! It means everything to me to come to Brookfield. I suppose you felt the same way... I'll get on. I know I will...Headmaster of Brookfield—that's something worth working for."

"Done any teaching before?" asked Bingham, grinning at his back.

Before he could reply, a school porter knocked and told him that Dr. Weatherby, the Headmaster, would see him.

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AFTER their talk, Weatherby brought Chipping into the masters' common room and introduced him to the staff.

"I want you to show Mr. Chipping the ropes—any little pointers you know, Mr. Chipping is taking Lower School to-night. Well, good night, Mr. Chipping. Any time you need to see me...."

The pointers given by his fellow instructors did not serve to banish young Mr. Chipping's nervousness at first facing a class.

"You must not let them rag you," said Masterson.

"Take a quiet look around for drawing pins in your chair," cautioned Dunbar.

"Or rat traps in your desk," added Cooper.

"Are you athletically inclined?" asked Leslie, filling his pipe. "Not that they ever become violent—"

"You mustn't take any notice of these fellows," said Masterson. "The boys are a bit restless on first night—new masters are exciting blood sport with them, but—"

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THE BELL for class rang, and Chipping made his way to Lower Form. The door was shut and inside dead silence reigned. Chipping opened the door and entered. The room was large and bare, with tall windows. It was lighted by two chandeliers of iron rings with a circle of candles.

As he stepped across the threshold, Chipping's mortar-board was whirled from his head by a thread across the doorway and flung to the floor. Amid stifled giggles came cries of: "Your hat, sir!" "You've dropped your hat!" "Oh, let me, sir!" "No, no, I'll pick it up—please, sir."

The hat, instead of being picked up and restored, was kicked out of the reach of each boy stooping to get it raising the dust on the wooden floor.

"That will do, thank you," protested Chipping. "Kindly sit down. Will you get back to your places, please!" He made grabs for the mortar-board, but always it was snatched from his outstretched hand, while, in the name of kindly helpfulness, the youthful ruffians shouted: "Not at all sir," "We're glad to help." "Morgan, give it to me!" "Here it is!" "Don't tread on it, you silly fool!"

"Do you hear what I say?" demanded Chipping, his voice getting shriller. "Go back to your seats! Sit down! Give it to me!"

"I have it, sir!" shouted young Colley, holding it up. "It's a bit battered, sir!" He banged it violently across his knee, while the boys, speaking together, interrupting each other, cried:

"You must be more careful, sir!" "Do you lose your hat very often, sir?" "That's a silly question!" "Isn't it a silly question, sir?"

"Awfully dusty," said Colley, still banging the mortar-board. "I'll fix it, sir. Won't take a second, sir!" Colley ran to the blackboard, snatched up the chalk-permeated duster and rubbed the mortar-board vigorously, covering it with white streaks.

The new master snatched the hat. "What's your name?"

"Colley, sir."

"Go back to your place, Colley. Go back, all of you!"

"Yes, sir," virtuously chorused the boys and took their seats quietly.

"You will employ this time until six o'clock," said Chipping, "in writing an essay on the book you were given to read during the holidays. I understand this was Kingsley's 'Westward Ho!' If you are in any difficulty, I shall be pleased to answer questions."

"Oh, *thank* you, sir!" chorused the hypocrites.

Chipping surreptitiously felt the seat of his chair for pins before sinking into it. A hand was raised.

"Well, what is it"

"Is a pencil all right, sir?"

"Of course not, you idiot!" said a neighbour.

"Who's an idiot?" demanded the first boy fiercely.

"You are, you idiot!"

"Silence! Silence. I'll have no more of it!" cried Chipping.

"No more silence, sir?" asked Cooley amid general laughter.

In a moment another hand was raised. "Who was Queen Elizabeth's husband, sir."

"She didn't have a husband. Surely, you know what she was called?"

"No, sir. What, sir?"

"The Vir — er — well, she was called — er — never mind."

"Oh, sir, please sir, please tell us, sir!" they begged.

"Go on with your work," ordered the new master.

Another hand went up. "Sir, who was Cadiz?"

"Who was Cadiz?" repeated Chipping. "WHO was Cadiz? Cadiz is a town in Spain."

There was another outburst of comments from the boys. "Of course, you ass!" "Isn't he an ass, sir," "Silly, fat ass!" "Don't listen to him, sir!" "Ha! Ha! May I kick him, sir?"

"Quiet, please, quiet! I think we'll get on with our work."

"Yes, sir". "Let's, sir."

THE climax came when a boy asked how to spell Armada. A dozen different boys answered, each spelling it a different way, shouting down the others, drowning out Chipping's voice ordering silence. Then other boys began repeating his order for silence, making more noise than the others. Then Colley and another youngster pretended to get into a fight, and soon missiles were hurtling back and forth.

"Boys, do you hear me? Sit down! Be quiet!" cried Chipping, as a piece of India-rubber hit him on the cheek.

Cooley stood up in his seat. "Who did that? I'll kill him for you, sir!" He aimed a pencil box. "We must protect the master! We must protect Mr. Chipping. We'll rally 'round you, sir! Trust us, sir!"

Into the continuing pandemonium strode Dr. Weatherby, a look of horror on his face.

"What is this? What is happening? Mr. Chipping!"

**TO-MORROW The Cricket Match**

# C.S.C.C. Beat Kowloon C.C.

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 6.)

four, when he went round the wicket. In Lloyd's next over, however, he was bowled—it was a good off break, a bit quicker and completely beat the batsman. But for the weakness I have mentioned he had played a very good, and most useful, knock for 32.

### ANDERSON BACK

AT 97, Anderson went on again for Baxter, who could not find a length, but Richardson completed his fifty and sent the hundred up with some strong shots to leg. In his second over Richardson hit him with the break for four, put one through the slips for the same number, was dropped at mid-wicket off a very difficult catch from a lifted shot that scored two, and was stumped next ball. 125-3-71.

It was a fine innings, and it was unfortunate that he grew impatient as a little more restraint would have given the C.S. a much better chance of getting the runs. They wanted 80 runs in fifty minutes,—quite possible with a set batsman going but not very likely otherwise, especially as they had a distinct tail!

### RUNS STILL COME

PERRY and Colledge took the score to 148 when the latter, hitting out at Anderson, was well caught pretty low down by extra cover running towards cover. 148-4-18. Perry then started hitting and pulled Anderson twice and Lloyd twice—the last four was a very hard chance to long on. He then cut him beautifully for a couple. 173 up and 23 minutes to go. A run later McLellan ondrove Anderson and was nicely caught on the boundary 174-5-4. Perry continued to hit wisely and not at everything, and drove Anderson over extra-cover's head, but in Lloyd's next over he was splendidly caught by Rapley running from deep midwicket. 181-6-39—a fine forcing innings.

THERE WERE only thirteen minutes left for play and the Civil seemed to have little chance except indeed of losing the game if they tried to win it. Smith however, remained to be reckoned with. He skied Anderson behind first slip for a couple. He then seemed to be dropped very low down at extra, but it was so dark I will not vouch for it. Several singles followed. Next over Lawrence scrambled a single, and Smith hit a grand four to long leg, and cut a couple to third man.

An off drive for two followed—nine to win!

Off Anderson's next over, second ball, Lawrence swung at one on the leg side and it went up to slip—apparently off his glove. Atwell hit a single—Smith off drove a two. He then cut another and took a single to extra. Two to tie, three to win!

A single to Attwell, another to Smith and last over was called, with the game a tie. Off Lloyd's first ball Smith hooked a glorious four to square leg and the game was won!

A splendid winning knock especially for a cricketer of his year—a grand game and a great marathon bit of bowling by Lloyd and Anderson. Baxter could not get going and would do better in spiked boots I think. The K.C.C. literally had no other bowling, and it was wonderful how Lloyd and Anderson stood up to it. And to think that those Civil Servants batsmen were the nuts who crawled out on Saturday. It beats me.

# Reich War Expenses

Copenhagen, Jan. 8.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Politiken* says that Goering's first task as Economic Dictator is to secure fresh funds for war purposes. He adds, "The last war cost Germany 35,000,000,000 marks a year. The present war will cost about 50,000,000,000, exclusive of ordinary state and municipal expenditure. Customs and other ordinary revenues yields 28,000,000,000 a year, but now 50,000,000,000 will have to be squeezed out of the population."

Enumerating reasons for the higher cost of the present war, the correspondent mentions that the soldier's pay is now 170 marks a month, compared to 35 marks in the last war.

He adds, "The present war economy is based on only a short struggle in Poland, with 50 per cent. increase in income tax and increased taxes on spirit and tobacco.

"During the war in Poland 2,500,000 men were called up, whereas reliable calculations indicate that now 4,000,000 are under arms."—*Reuter.*

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

**12.30 The Ballyhooligans.**

**12.43 Harry Roy and His Orchestra.**

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

**1.03 Noel Coward in some of his Songs and Musical Shows.**

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

**1.45 Variety with Frances Day, Charlie Kunz, Warner and Darnell, and Others.**

2.15 Close Down.

**6.00 Beethoven—Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor").**

Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

6.36 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

**6.40 Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).**

Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler); Shephard's Madrigal (Kreisler)....Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Carl Lamson; Santa Lucia, I Long For You (Mario); Voice Of The Night (Curtis)....Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Dancing Doll (Poldini-Kreisler)...Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rudy.

**7.00 London Relay—"The Old Man of the Sea."**

A play from a short story by W. W. Jacobs.

**7.30 London Relay—The News.**

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

**8.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Orchestre Napolitain.**

Napoli—Tarantelle (Mezzacapo); Chant De Sirene (Volpatti, junior)...Orchestre Napolitain; Dans La Fumee (Bos); Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenoir)....Lucianne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; A Frangesal (Costa); Souvenir De Pausilippe (Andolfi)....Orchestre Napolitain.

**8.23 Chabrier — Cotillon — Ballet Music.**

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

**8.40 Studio—Recital by Victor Sanders (Baritone) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.**

1. (a) Sylvia (Oley Speaks); (b) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter); (c) O Mistress Mine (Quilter); (d) Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quilter)....Victor Sanders (Baritone) 2. Piano Solo—Selected....E. O'Neil Shaw: 3. (a) Tally Ho (Leoni); (b) A Jolly Old Cavalier (Airlie Dix); (c) My Old Shako (Trotere).

9.05 **Studio—Comments on Recent Events.**

**9.15 London Relay—News Summary.**

**9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."**

**9.45 Musical Comedy.**

**10.00 An hour of Dance Music.**

11.00 **Close Down.**

# GOLF COMPETITIONS AT FANLING

## Match Play Draw For Junior Championship

**The following were the qualifying scores of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling on Sunday.**

H. H. Mundy 81; A. H. McBride 81; T. Low 82; J. W. Mayhew 85; N. K. Littlejohn 85; R. R. de L. Leisching 87; T. Megarry 88; W. Hewitt 89; J. C. Taylor 89; H. N. Williamson 89; W. A. Stewart 90; L. Jackson 90; A. B. Purves 91; D. L. Prophet 92; J. Linaker 92 and W. L. Alexander 93.

C. H. Burton and A. R. S. Major also had scores of 93, but Alexander had the best score over the last nine holes.

Subject to a re-check, the above 16 players qualify for the match-play stages.

### MATCH PLAY STAGES

The following is the draw for the match play stages:

First Round.—W. Hewitt v. D. L. Prophet; J. W. Mayhew v. T. Low; J. Linaker v. W. A. Stewart; W. L. Alexander v. L. Jackson; H. N. Williamson v. R. R. de L. Liesching; A. B. Purves v. J. C. Taylor; N. K. Littlejohn v. H. H. Mundy; T. Megarry v. A. H. McBride.

The first named in each round is the challenger and must fix the date. The first round must be completed on or before January 21, the second by February 4, the semi-final on or before February 18 and the final, over 36 holes, on or before February 25.

### Stubbs Shield

**The following were the results in the second round of the Stubbs Shield competition:**

Asiatic Petroleum Co. beat Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, three and one; Leigh and Orange received a walk-over from Mackinnon Mackenzie, Dodwell and Co. received a walk-over from the Medical Department; Hongkong Volunteers received a walk-over from Royal Army Pay Corps; Harbour Office beat Chartered Bank two up; Butterfield and Swire beat Colonial Secretary's Office four and three; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Naval Hospital five and three; Chinese Maritime Customs beat Public Works Department five and three.

### Captain's Cup

**In the Captain's Cup Competition at Fanling during the week-end, A. H. McBride qualified over the Old Course, with a score of 81—14=67. Other scores were H. H. Mundy 81—12=69; F. N. Merritt 81—10=71; T. Low 82—11=72. There were 37 entries.**

**H. Overy qualified over the New Course with a card of 93—20=73. There were 13 entries.**

# Censorship Director

## Admiral Usborne To Take Up New Post

**London, Jan. 8.**

**The Home Office announces that Vice-Admiral Usborne, Director of Censorship since the outbreak of war, has resigned to undertake new work of national importance for which his experience and service specially qualify him in connection with special naval construction under Admiralty contracts.**

**The Home Secretary has expressed appreciation of the valuable services Vice-Admiral Usborne rendered in the initial organisation of censorship. He stated that it was known for some time that Vice-Admiral Usborne contemplated resigning to be free to undertake new work, but he deferred action until the most convenient moment to effect the change without interference with the work of censorship.**

**The name of the successor has not yet been notified.**

**It is understood that Vice-Admiral Usborne resigned to take up a post as joint managing-director of a shipbuilding firm engaged in the production of shipping material for the Admiralty.**

**Vice-Admiral Usborne, who invented the paravane anti-mine device in the last war, told a correspondent that his stay at the Censorship Bureau has been a happy if arduous experience, and his contact with the Press was extraordinarily happy.—*Reuter.***

## EMPEROR AT REVIEW

### Celebrations in Tokyo Of Empire Anniversary

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Being the first public event in the 2600th anniversary of the Empire, added significance attached to the New Year military review which took place in the presence of the Emperor at the Yoyogi Parade Ground in Tokyo this morning.

Some 15,000 crack troops and mechanised units took part. Formations of the Army air force composed of 200 aircraft flew past.—*Domei.*

# STOCK EXCHANGE IS ACTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange market was initially hesitant owing to the recent political re-shuffle, but the upward movement quickly resumed under the lead of gilt-edged securities, which closed higher on a further influx of buying orders.

Indian Government bonds encountered a demand, while Far Eastern bonds were notably stronger.

Wall Street was steady.

# Jewish Refugees Arrested

HAIFA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Over 800 Jewish refugees from Germany and other countries were arrested yesterday within territorial waters.

A schooner with 360 aboard was towing another sailing vessel with 160 aboard.

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# SHANGHAI TRIAL

## Briton To Face Murder Charge To-day

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Seaforth Highlander, David Eckford, native of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, begins a fight for his life in the British Supreme Court tomorrow when he will face a Jury on a charge of murdering Lance-Cpl. James Davis, also of the Seaforths, on November 4.

This will be the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian, Atma Singh, three years ago. Atma Singh was sentenced to death for killing a fellow Indian, but he was dramatically saved from the gallows when the rope broke while he was being hung in Ward Road Gaol. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment by the then Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and now Atma Singh is serving his term of imprisonment at Moultan, India.

Private Eckford reserved his defence when he was committed for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing in the British Police Court early in December when an eyewitness description of the shooting was given by another Highlander, Private Stirling.

Private Stirling said that on the evening of November 4 he was on duty at a sentry post on the border of the International Settlement where Japanese-occupied territory adjoins the sector manned by British troops. Lance-Cpl. Davis was in charge of the post, which included Eckford. While on beat he noticed Eckford with a rifle levelled at Davis. About four and a half yards separated the two men. Eckford said, "I am going to shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the rifle went off. Eckford immediately handed the rifle to witness and said, "I am ready for the Sergeant now." When the rifle went off Davis fell backward. Later a duty truck arrived with a patrol under the charge of Sergeant McDonald. Eckford said, "He is dead, Sergeant, I shot him."—*Reuter.*

# For French Lines

London, Jan. 7.

Ten thousand goods wagons and 240 locomotives, costing £8,000,000, are being built in Britain for use of those sections of the French railways operated by the British army. About £1,750,000 worth of railroad and dockside equipment has also been ordered.

The huge order will not prevent British engineers from continuing to build for overseas customers and deliveries are being guaranteed.

Among noteworthy deliveries of British-built locomotives to overseas during 1939 were six of the world's largest metre-gauge locomotives for the Kenya and Uganda Railways, making possible a journey from Nairobi to Kampala, Victoria Nyanza, and back—1,100 miles without changing engines, and a specially built Diesel locomotive for a Peruvian corporation to run on the World's highest railway line near La Paz, Bolivia, which includes a six-mile climb with a gradient of one in fourteen.

Turkish railways have ordered 58 locomotives from Britain for use in Asia Minor, and large consignments of rolling stock have been ordered by Egypt and the Union of South Africa. —*British Wireless.*

# Polish Conditions

Paris, Jan. 8.

Reports from the Polish Press declare there is much unrest both in territories under German and Russian control.

In Eastern Poland, which is occupied by the Soviet, conditions are deteriorating rapidly and private trade is almost at a standstill owing to lack of supplies, while requisitioning is resulting in a big rise in the cost of living.

The farmers prefer to barter their products than to accept cash.

Soviet propaganda is so fantastic that the Poles accept it as a joke.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

## WEEK OF PRAYER

### Opening Service Attended By Many People

The first day of the Universal Week of Prayer was attended by over 70 persons at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the Rev. H. D. Rosenthall delivered a homily on "Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession."

The Cathedral was open for private prayer and meditation before and after the service, which lasted for about half an hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hongkong will be taking to-day's service which will commence at 5.30 p.m. He will take as his text: "The Increasing Church."

# POLICE RESERVE PARADES

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

**Chinese Company**

Leave.—Constable R10 Joseph C. K. Wong has been granted three months' leave of absence from January 3, to April 2.

Training Course-Part I.—All recruits who have not yet passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday at 5.30 p.m. for instructions under Sub-Inspector (R) Chan Chung-tung. Dress: Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain and truncheon.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

**Indian Company**

Strength.—The undermentioned members have been taken on the strength: Constables R229 Ghulam Nabi, R268 M. S. Vedi, R289 Nur Khan, R300 Pyara Singh, R704 Mohamed Currim, R705 Sultan Khan, R706 Mohamed Yakub, R707 Abdul Hamid, and R708 Mohamed Hoosen.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, at 5.30 p.m. for an inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Dress: blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain, lanyard and truncheon.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

**Flying Squad**

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

**Emergency Unit Reserve**

Leave.—Constable R419 L. F. Rosario has been granted one month's leave of absence from January 4, to February 3.

Training Course-Part I.—All recruits will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, for instruction under Inspector (R) J. A. Bendall.

N. C. O's. Meeting.—All N. C. O's will attend No. 2 Police Station at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

**Police Store**

The Police Store will be closed for the annual board of survey from January 10 to January 30 inclusive.

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# LATE NEWS

# HAPPY REUNION

## Schoolboy Flies From Southampton

There was a joyful reunion between son and parents at the Kai Tak Airport yesterday afternoon when the Imperial plane Delia arrived.

It was the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clemo and their 18 year-old son Fred, who flew from Southampton by Imperial Airways. He had been attending Bedford College, having left Hongkong five years ago.

Also on board were Mrs. L. M. P. Wood and her two tiny daughters who also boarded the plane at Southampton.

There was quite a gathering of friends at the Airport to give the four returning Hongkong folk a great welcome. Young Clemo was full of smiles, excited and tremendously happy as he alighted from the Delia and waved heartily to the gathering. The parents waited impatiently until Customs formalities were over, and then there was a happy meeting.

Young Clemo has the distinction of being the first schoolboy to make the air trip from England to Hongkong. He said he enjoyed every minute of it—except for a spell in Asia Minor when they had a rough passage. Otherwise the trip was uneventful and the weather delightful.

Mrs. Wood's two little girls were also very happy all the way and, according to the mother, "they had a swell time."

The Delia brought 202 kilos of mail.

# Gandhi's Admonition

Bombay, Jan. 8.

Gandhi, in his paper *Harijan*, declares that the Congress organisation shows signs of disintegration.

He continues, "The Bengal Committee is frankly defiant; Orissa is split into two camps; things are not better in Kartanan, while a correspondent in Kerala says that the Provincial Committee does not believe in the present policy and the command is trying by every means to undermine the influence of the Working Committee. Things are not so rosy in the Punjab."

He continues, "I cherish the hope that they will right themselves; if not, I cannot lead an undisciplined army to victory. The fresh elections are now on. The Congressmen's choice is unfettered. Let the younger men come forward and take charge. If they will not, but still retain the old team, they should give implicit obedience."

Gandhi's criticism of Bengal, which is an elaborate and lengthy statement issued by Prasad, is interpreted in political circles as once more a clear indication of the Mahatma's anxiety to avoid precipitate action in connection with the present political situation and the Congress majority's determination to keep left wing elements in order.—*Reuter.*

## MISSION ATTACKED

### Chinese Raid Reported On Italian Catholic Church

New York, Jan. 8.

A German wireless message from Rome reports that the Italian Catholic Mission in Hanchunfu, Shensi, was attacked by 25 Chinese bombers and partly destroyed, according to a report from the Papal Institute for Foreign Missions in Milan.

The Chinese bombs hit the girls' school, invalids' home and church. Three aged Chinese who had taken refuge in the church were killed.

The same Mission was bombarded on October 25 last year by 35 Chinese planes when 100 were killed. —*United Press.*


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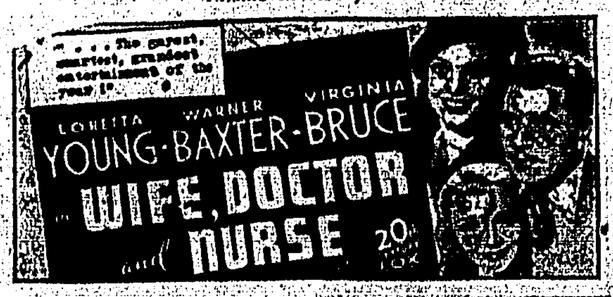


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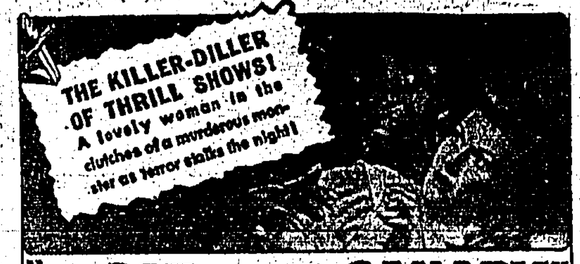


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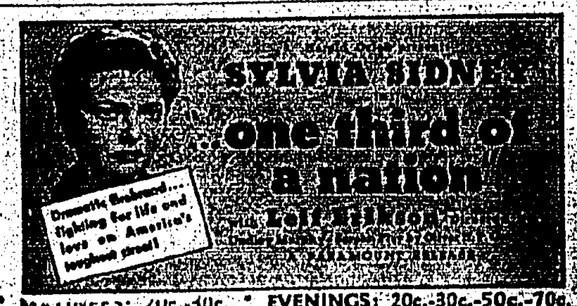


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## INDISCREET REMARK

### Japan Confident Envoy's Words Misreported

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman disclosed to-day that the Japanese authorities had requested the French officials to investigate the accuracy of the reports that the French Ambassador, M. Henri Cosme, in a recent speech at Chungking said China and France were in the same position, fighting an aggressor.

The spokesman said the Japanese are confident that the Ambassador, a neutral State, would not make such a statement, but if it were true it would be noted with pleasure.—*United Press.*

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

The special course in First Aid to the officers of the St. John Ambulance will re-open to-day at 8 p.m. at Headquarters. All officers of the Brigade are expected to attend.

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## Defensive Military Agreement Signed In Venice

# HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH ITALY REPORTED

## New Pact Aimed At Preventing Expansion Of European War To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**BUDAPEST, Jan. 8. (UP)—It is reported by very reliable sources that Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have concluded a defensive military alliance.**

The alliance is "intended to protect and maintain peace in the Balkan and south-eastern Europe."

It is expected that the alliance will be officially announced after Count Ciano has reported to Signor Mussolini. This will be done to-morrow.

The alliance provides that Hungary will pursue its revisionist aims against its neighbours by peaceful means.

Count Czaky left Rome for Budapest at 6.05 p.m.

Immediately after his departure, Count Ciano conferred with Il Duce.

Signor Gayda, commenting on the Venice talks in the "Giornale d' Italia," said to-day that Italy and Hungary were both determined to prevent the expansion of the war to the Balkan States and the Mediterranean Sea.

He warned that Hungary's desire to limit the conflict should not cause interested Powers to refuse to try to reach a reasonable solution of Hungary's revisionist problems.

In view of the European political and military situation, he said, the Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers had decided not to publish the substance of their talks at Venice.

### Gayda's Hint To Rumania

ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," gives a hint to Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

He says that the proposal to Hungary to settle problems pacifically cannot create a pretext for other Powers concerned to avoid a sincere examination and reasonable solution of the problems awaiting settlement.

It would be a fatal mistake not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution by just means, says Signor Gayda.

### Direct American Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Government has informed the League of Nations that American organisations are consulting directly with Finland regarding the request for material and humanitarian assistance.

The note, handed by the United States Minister at Berne, says that the United States Government from the outbreak of hostilities has given tangible indication of sympathy to the people and government of Finland. The American Red Cross and private organisations have given medical, financial and other help, and they are consulting with Finnish agencies regarding the most effective manner in which such aid may be continued and expanded.

### Warning To Rumania

ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The determination of Italy to prevent the war spreading south to the Balkans and the Mediterranean was expressed by Signor Virginio Gayda in the semi-official organ, "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda declares: "Everyone should note that Hungary stands at Italy's side in the policy the latter is planning and in the methods she intends to adopt for her development. At the same time, Italy stands on Hungary's side as far as special problems on foreign policy are concerned."

The writer, who is recognised as Mussolini's mouth-piece, then asks Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial

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## FACTS

**HUNGARY**

**Population (1930 census) 8,683,740, living in an area of 36,179 square miles.**

**Army in 1938: 1800 officers and 35,000 other ranks.**

**No Air Force. The Army possesses only two aeroplanes.**

**Mechanised Forces: 12 tanks.**

**Artillery: Fewer than 100 heavy pieces.**

**"Navy": Four motorboats.**

**ITALY**

**Population: 44,000,000.**

**Metropolitan Army: 260,000. Fascist Militia: 559,000. Overseas garrisons about 120,000. Mussolini recently boasted that he could raise an army of 10,000,000.**

**Navy: Ships completed at end of 1938: Four battleships, 23 cruisers, 60 destroyers, 60 torpedo boats, 103 submarines, 100 motor-torpedo boats. Four battleships are building, with 12 cruisers, 7 destroyers, 2 or more torpedo boats and about 20 submarines.**

**Air Force: Military planes were known to number 3,000 in 1938.**

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

### 25 Per Cent. Increase Urged For U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Because the international situation "in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions presents a threat of world conflagration," Admiral Stark, Chief of Operations, appearing before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, urged Congress to approve the $1,300,000,000 increase in the U.S. Fleet.

Admiral Stark testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action towards increasing the strength of the Fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak position."

Admiral Stark's testimony indicates that the expansion programme has been revised, since it was first announced, to provide some larger ships than originally contemplated.

Hearing of the expansion programme opened with a brief preliminary statement by Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary for the Navy, who declared that he believed that the proposed 25 per cent increase of the Fleet's size was needed "in view of the international situation."

### 107 New Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Admiral Stark, who testified before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, said that

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BIG BONDS FRAUD

## PARADE OF MOVIE STARS

### Astonishing U.S. Court Scenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).—The conviction of Felipe Buencamino, a member of the Philippine Legislative Council on a count of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of Philippine Railroad bonds, has been affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.

The convictions of William Gillespie were affirmed on all counts, with the exception of two counts of fraudulent use of the mails, which were reversed.

The decision does not change the original sentences imposed.

Sr. Buencamino said: "I am sorry regarding the outcome of the appeal. I still feel that I have done no wrong. My attorneys are studying the decision."

As yet, no decision has been made regarding further appeals.

### Contention Upheld

The 20-page opinion sustains the prosecution's contention that Buckner met Buencamino who is a "powerful figure in Island politics, and that Buencamino agreed to lead Legislative aid in return for $50,000, which the prosecution contends is a bribe."

The opinion reviews Buckner's activities in seeking to raise money in London: "Buencamino held out for $50,000 before he would sail for London, remaining untempted by the $5,000, deposit in his name in Montreal."

None of the defendants were present in court. Buencamino's lawyer, Mr. George Norton, said he had not made any decision regarding his next step.

### Rebuke By Judge

Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark, condemned the courtroom tactics of the Prosecutor, William P. Maloney, but said the evidence of the defendant's guilt was so overwhelming that the "attack of the appellants on the prosecutor must fail."

He referred to the fact that the appellants brief bitterly attacked the prosecution in a personal manner.

Judge Clark said: "Even from the printed record we can see the vigour with which the Prosecutor pressed the case which, at times, went beyond the decorum and dignity which an officer of the United States should observe."

The Judge criticised the "parading" of chorus girls and movie stars to the stand to "prove only minor points."

## Less Unemployed In Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The registered unemployed on December 11 totalled 1,181,000. This was 4,000 less than [illegible] and 169,500 less than [illegible] 1939.

TANKS WON'T USE THIS ROAD

INDICATIVE OF THE EXTENT of China's "scorched earth policy," which aims at leaving nothing for the Japanese in the conquered area, this photograph shows the deliberate damage done to the main highway between Nanning and Pakhoi. The road is absolutely impassable to all traffic. The Japanese caption to this photograph states that the destruction was carried out by "considerable engineering skill".
—*South China Photo Service.*

## THE BBC TELLS A JOKE!

**THE B.B.C. IS BECOMING KITTENISH!**

**This is the joke Daventry broadcast at the end of the 7.15 p.m. News Bulletin last night.**

**It concerns an advertisement appearing in London's newspapers.**

*The tabby cat and her kitten are sitting in front of a bright coal fire.*

*"Mummy," asks the kitten, "does Hitler use Coalite?"*

*"Good heavens, no," replied the mummy-cat. "Why do you ask?"*

*"Well, they say that you can get more scuttles to the ton with Coalite!"*

## FOOD RATIONS, AND WHY

### British Ministry's Four Reasons

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Food Ministry announces to-day the following reasons for rationing:

**1.—It prevents the waste of food. We must not ask sailors to bring unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.**

**2.—It increases the war effort. Reduction of the purchases of food abroad releases ships bringing other imports.**

**3.—It divides supplies equally.**

**4.—It prevents uncertainty.**

### Not A Deprivation

Properly regarded, it is a system not of deprivation but of convenience. With the quantities assured and alternatives available, the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values, while the relief to shipping will free it for cargoes which are vital to victory.

Had the public needed a stimulus to a cheerful acceptance of the plan, it was found in Mr. W. S. Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men to add to the risks they are hourly taking with such fine courage by bringing us excess food.

### Bigger Rations For Tommies

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—Soldiers, sailors and airmen on leave in England will have much larger ration allowances than civilians. The latter are entitled to 12 ounces of sugar, four ounces of bacon and ham, and four ounces of butter weekly, whereas members of the Forces on leave may have 21 ounces, 6 ounces and seven ounces respectively of these commodities.

## Russians Abandon Colossal Booty

# AMAZING CLAIMS BY FINNISH H.Q.

**HELSINGFORS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A communique claims that the Finns scored a striking victory in destroying a Soviet division on the road from Suomussalmi to the Soviet frontier.**

Besides 1,000 prisoners, the Finns captured much material, including tanks and armoured cars.

The communique states that in the recent fighting, the main object has been to repulse the 44th Russian Division, and this has now been achieved, the enemy's main forces having been destroyed.

The booty captured include 102 guns, 43 tanks, 10 armoured cars, aeroplanes, 278 motor vehicles of various kinds, over 1,000 horses and 47 field kitchens.

## ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

### Soldier — Internees Battle With Police

**CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE is being maintained by the police regarding a riot which occurred in the new internment camp for Chinese soldiers in Argyle Street yesterday afternoon.**

**Although official circles will give no information the "Telegraph" understands that, as a result of the riots, two Indian police officers and several Chinese internees are in Kowloon hospital, suffering from injuries.**

**It is stated that the disturbance became so general that the emergency unit had to be called out to quell it.**

**The "Telegraph" understands that the disturbance occurred when a European officer attempted to arrest an internee who was guilty of an infraction of the camp rules.**

**The European was mobbed by a number of the internees and was able to extricate himself from a dangerous position only by drawing his revolver and summoning the guard.**

**In the general melee that followed, internees used their bed boards as weapons and the disorders ended only after the guards and extra police had made several baton charges.**

**It is understood that several alleged ringleaders were arrested last night after "lights out."**

**The internees, who number over 700 and who were interned when they laid down their arms in British territory in 1937, were only recently removed to the more commodious internment camp in Argyle Street from the Matauhok Camp.**

## ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

### Nazis Holding Up Aeroplanes

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Germany now admits having stopped Italian aeroplanes from proceeding through to Finland.

According to an "Associated Press" correspondent, Italian planes were sent by rail to a Baltic port, their destination being Finland. The number is not known but there are a number of Italian railway cars at that port.

### Soviet Pressure On Nazis

The Nazi attitude seems to have been determined by Soviet pressure.

The Nazi Government would not be able to co-operate with its Italian Axis partner in aiding Finland without violent objections from the new ally—Soviet Russia.

### Stopped In Transit

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A large quantity of war material destined for Finland was stopped in transit by Germany, according to the

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

# 35,000-ton Ships for Hongkong

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Two new 35,000-ton passenger liners which are among 40 to 50 new vessels to be constructed by the American Government during the current year, are to be placed on service between San Francisco and Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila when completed.**

This announcement was made by an official of the U.S. Maritime Commission to-day.

The remainder of the projected fleet will be composed of cargo ships, although the Government may place contracts later in the year for two similar passenger ships for the South American service.

The new 35,000-ton liners will be constructed so that, in the event of war, they can be immediately converted into aircraft-carriers.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

## 20-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN GIRL AIDS CHINESE

**CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—A pretty 20-year-old American girl, Miss Betty Graham, of Seattle, Washington, is driving an International Red Cross truck between the major cities of Central China, braving the dangers of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.**

After arriving at Chungking on Sunday night, Miss Graham will be on the road again on Wednesday when her truck leaves with medical supplies for Kweiyang, the capital of Kweichow.

She left Shanghai last November and travelled alone from Ningpo to Kweilin and later to Kunming and Kweiyang.

In 1936 Miss Graham was arrested in Manchuria as a spy and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. The sentence was rescinded although, as she recalled in an interview here, "I enthusiastically offered to go to jail."

In 1937 she made a trip from India to Europe overland via Afghanistan.

"I want to call China my home. I expect to stay here a long time and I will concentrate on learning the language," she says.

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**OUTWARD MAILS**

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

Straits ....................12.30 p.m.
Saigon ....................3.30 p.m.
Manila ....................4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th January.
K.P.O.
Reg. ............Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ............Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ............Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ............Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 15th Jan.
K.P.O.
Reg. ............Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ............Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ............Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ............Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Japan ....................7.00 p.m.
Saigon ....................7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

Swatow ....................10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ....Jan. 10. 11.00 a.m.
Ord., ..........Jan. 10, Noon.
Haiphong ....................2.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin ..2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Province only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 18th January.
K. P. O.
Reg., .......Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., .......Jan. 10, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg., .......Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ........Jan. 10, 7.00 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

Parcels only for Straits ....9.30 a.m.
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa ...........2.30 p.m.
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Parcels ..........Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
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Ord. ............Jan. 11, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels ..........Jan. 11, 5 p.m
Reg., ............Jan. 11, 5 p.m
Ord. ............Jan. 11, 7 p.m.
Amoy ....................7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

Tourane ....................8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin ..................10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard ...............1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin ..................2.30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin .........................9 a.m.

# Mr. Casey Appointed

Washington, Jan. 7.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that United States' diplomatic relations have been established with Australia by the appointment of the Australian Minister of Supply, Mr. Richard Casey, as first Australian Minister to Washington.

The United States Minister to Canberra will be announced shortly.—*United Press.*


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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1890.

The projected Firth of Clyde Canal to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the North Sea will be begun at once. A Manchester firm has contracted to complete the canal at a cost of £8,000,000.

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Three new ironclads of 14,000 tons and 20,000 horse-power will be added to the naval strength of Italy as soon as possible. Vessels, armor, guns etc., are to be made in Italy.

The "Chorolistha" is the last London dance, the name comes from choros, a dance, and olisthanein, to glide.

Baron Dounezal, a French officer, proposes that France and Germany should fight on a new principle, each country to have 100,000 men on its side only. At the same time he is liberal in his offers to Germany, and says that the country may have 10,000 Italians to help it.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1915.

The deadlock on the western frontier seems complete. In spite of incessant attacks, driven home with quite extraordinary resolution and hurricanes of shell expended every day, the losses and gains along the fighting front fairly balance one another, and at this rate things could go on for weeks with advantage to neither side were the resources behind both more nearly equal.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1930.

A further fall of a farthing was registered in respect of the Hongkong dollar when exchange opened this morning. This brings the T.T. rate down to 1s. 6½d. which is as low as it has ever been in the history of the Colony.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1935.

The question of the more adequate advertising of Hongkong as a tourists' or travellers' resort, which has periodically arisen in recent times, is taken a step further to-day by the suggestion made by a contributor that the time has come for some definite action to be taken in the matter.

# STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The week has opened with an air of steadiness, enquiries continue on a moderately fair scale.

**Buyers**

H.K. Bank $1,380
Canton Ins; $205
Union Ins. $440
Douglas $72
Docks $21.00
Providents $4.65
Hotels $5.85
Lands $33¼
Realties $4.40
Tramways $17½
Yaumati Ferries $23¾
China Lights (Old) $7.65
Electrics $55
Sandakan Lights $11¼
Telephones (Old) $24½
Telephones (New) $9.30
Cements $17.90
Ropes $6.10
Dairy Farms (Old) $22¼
Dairy Farms (New) $21¼
Watsons $9.20
Entertainments $6¾
Constructions (Old) $1¾

**Sellers**

China Underwriters $1¼
Providents $4.80
Hotels $5.95
Electrics $56
Telephones (Old) $25
Cements $18.05
Ropes $6½
Watsons $9.60

**Sales**

H.K. Bank $1,400
Wharves $102
Docks $22
Providents $4.60/.65
Hotels $5.90/.95
Tramways $17½
China Lights (Old) $7.70
China Lights (New) $4.70
Electrics $54.90/55½
Telephones (Old) $25.
Cements $17.95/18
Ropes $6¼
Watsons $9.40

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| Demonstration | 12 |
| East Mindanao | 11½ |
| I. X. L. | 40 |
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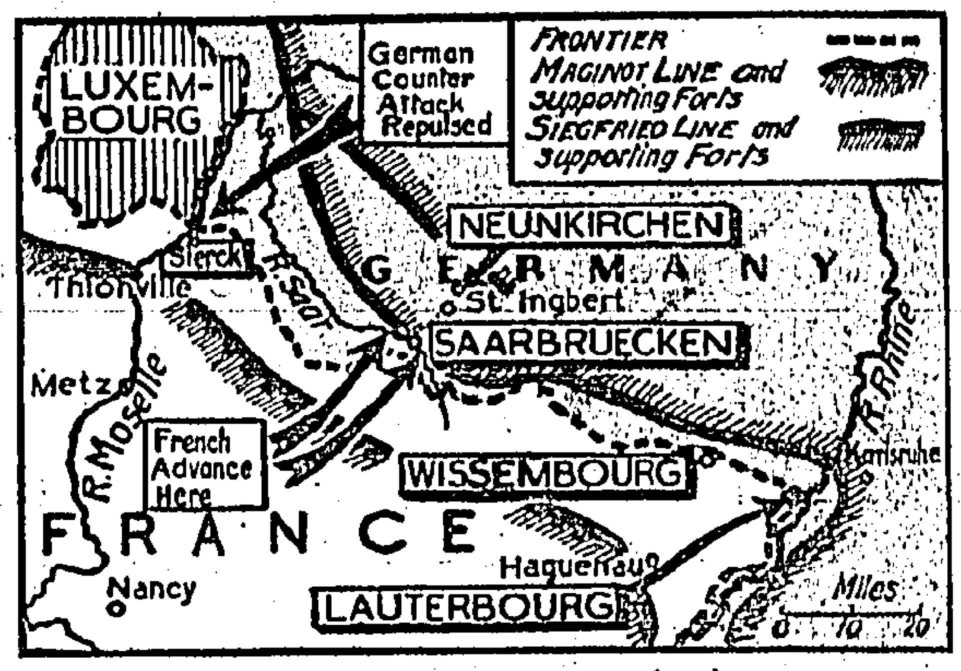
## French Army Leaders Are Masters Of Their Machines

# MAGINOT LINE COMMANDER SAYS, "LET THE NAZI COME"

By RICHARD CAPELL,
"Daily Telegraph" Special Correspondent




**WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.—A giant is stirring uneasily, but the War here is still not really awake. He groans in his sleep sometimes, but we can only guess when he will rouse himself.**

It is like early morning in some enormous palace, a tyrant's palace. The master of the household is not up, but there is tremendous activity among the innumerable servants.

Privileged onlookers have been allowed to see the preparations for the day's work. They have been welcomed and shown without reserve all kinds of marvels, dreadful marvels, now in readiness for the entertainment of the risen giant. Never before was there anything of the sort so elaborately prepared.

It is not on the surface. The eastern frontier of France will in 1,000 years or so have nothing to show to remind posterity of the year 1939 comparable with Hadrian's Wall or Offa's dyke.

The Great Wall of China has not been rivalled as a picturesque spectacle by the Maginot Line.

### "ADMIRAL" IN COMMAND

#### Like Subterranean Battleship

The new wonder of the world is indeed characterised by its modest inconspicuousness. Here and there is a mushroom—so called—of concrete and steel, but here is hardly anything else to catch the eye of the casual passer-by—if one can possibly imagine a casual passer-by in these parts.

But, underground, French ingenuity has elaborated a new world, something between the London tube system and a battleship.

"Subterranean battleship." The phrase is inevitable to describe the forts of the Maginot Line. It has been heard often in recent weeks, and still it was news to me, when enjoying the hospitality of the commandant of one of these forts, to find he was "the admiral" of his officers and men.

And, by the way, we no longer say "fort" in this part of the world. The word for the new thing which is a fort indeed, but one which assembles the resources of a half a hundred techniques and sciences, is "ouvrage."

Throughout this visit to the new underground world it wanted a persistent effort to realise that one was not on board a battle cruiser of some strange navy where khaki was the wear.

As much was said to a young gunner in one of the turrets. He answered with a shade of wistfulness: "Yes, but a real ship would sometimes put into port."

### YEARS OF SERVICE

#### Masters Of Their Machine

Pride and confidence are the prevailing notes among these men, in their various ways so zealous, such complete masters of their complex machine.

But it would not be fair to them—it would misrepresent the strange life they lead a hundred feet below ground—to leave unmentioned the trace of wistfulness. The outside world ought to be reminded of the sacrifice and strain which this life represents.

Many of these guardians of the fort and its secrets have spent years in its labyrinths. Those labyrinths abound in comforts such as shower baths, lifts and tramways, and still the mere visitor has to confess to a feeling of relief when he is once again able to breathe the upper air.

Above ground there is a world to all appearance placid. On most days the sound of a shell is a rarity. Cows are grazing between the belts of wire. We come across a young gunner who has in a leisure hour snared a hare.

A very few miles away there is a ridge, and you are told that the Germans are there.

"Let them come," says the commandant. The whole garrison longs for them to come. The garrison is on tiptoe. It is magnificently confident in itself and its marvellous machine. It knows itself impregnable.

### POSTAL DELAYS

#### General And Men Talk It Over

I had the fortune to witness a surprise visit from no less an eminence than the Army Commander to a pioneer battalion working in a forest near the frontier.

The daily shave is not in the French Army the almost religious obligation that it is with us; and the men as they came scrambling out of the undergrowth might have been taken for beings of a different species from the wonderful General, so refined and pale of face and so gloriously decorated.

But in a moment his relationship with these muddy woodlanders was established. It was almost fatherly.

They crowded round him, and after but a moment's shyness there were plenty who did not wait to be spoken to before they chipped in. Things were not too bad they all agreed: but not everything was perfect. There was, for instance, the great question of delays in the Army postal service. The General questioned them closely. He wanted to know exactly how long it had taken for letters to reach them from home.

One man's complaint was that his people had not written to him for 10 days. The General did not rub it in too hard that this might not be the fault of the Post Office.

I do not know what exactly is the power of an Army commander over the working of the postal service in the field; but when they went back into the woods the pioneers knew that a great man from on high had heard their grievances kindly and that he would assuredly do anything within to straighten things out.

Later, at the battalion commander's headquarters somewhere in Germany, the Officer Commanding explained to us, by the dim light of a candle and with a map of his sector chalked on a blackboard, the course of operations.

We were received by the General commanding the army occupying this area of the front. He spoke in moving terms of the tenacity of the French villagers who had been compelled to leave their homes near the front.

We had seen for ourselves the evacuated villages which were not very far from the front and only a few miles behind the point from which the French long-range artillery pounds the Siegfried Line.

"These people," said the General, "left at a few hours' notice their homes in the operation zone, carrying with them only a small valise containing their family documents and leaving behind them their belongings, the fruit of the work of a lifetime.

"They did so without complaint, and all they said was: 'This time we must see the matter through. We are sick and tired of repeated invasions, and we do not care about anything else than to see the final victory.'

#### Unequalled Fortifications

"This is the indomitable spirit of the French frontier peasantry," concluded the General. His words ring true.

Later I was privileged to visit one of the most important works of the main French defences—the Maginot Line.

"On ne passe pas" is the motto of the troops there. No one who has seen the Line—and they are few in number—can doubt for a moment its impregnability. No fortifications conceived can equal it.

It is a long way from the actual front, far too distant to receive a shell from the longest range German artillery. This, no doubt, explains why life in the French village in its vicinity goes on as usual.

The officer commanding the work I visited, accurately described it as a battleship that does not roll even in the heaviest of seas.

#### Succession Of "Battleships"

It is, in fact, a long succession of battleships, as though miles and miles of capital ships as powerful as H.M.S. Hood had been placed in file. The only difference is that the Maginot Line is fixed instead of being mobile.

The cross fires of its turrets cover an area of ground which makes it impossible for an enemy to approach it. One of its leading officers remarked, "The Germans will break their teeth on the Maginot Line if ever they get near it."

The doorkeeper of one of the principal works of the Line has played in the French Army Association football team.

The Maginot Line is the last word in perfection. Nothing has been overlooked and the advantage of its defenders over possible attackers is a thousandfold.

It is a gigantic underground workshop in which no detail has been overlooked. Probably it is the safest and most comfortable sector of all the fronts on land or sea.

Men off duty would be able to sleep peacefully, despite the thunder of the guns above their heads, through the heaviest of enemy bombardments.

# *SOLDIERS STILL SEEK SOCKS, SO SUSIE—*

By LOUISE MORGAN

YOU would never guess what is the most popular gift at the Front. And so I will tell you. It's socks!

I learned this, and the reason why, from Captain R. W. Phillips, officer in command of the Army Comforts Depot, St. Mary's Butts, Reading.

"Soldiers' socks wear out so fast," he said, "and soldiers, unlike sailors, are not experts at darning."

Or, as a Berkshire soldier put it, "Socks on the jaw are quicker mended than the socks on my feet—if mother's not about."

So if you want to delight some soldier in France, send him socks. They can be any colour, or all the colours of the rainbow together, because they do not show.

### They Like Colour

Pullovers can be coloured, too, said Captain Phillips. The battle dress conceals them and a man likes to have a touch of heartening colour like red or green to relieve the monotony of khaki. Dark shades are preferable to light.

The Captain, who has organised the depot down to half-minutes and ha'pennies, gave me another tip about socks.

If you will stitch each pair together when you have finished them, he can abolish the "joining up" room, where three voluntary workers sit all day tacking pairs together.

Between 400 and 500 parcels a day come from every part of the country to the depot which is responsible for all comforts for the B.E.F. in France.

Considerably more than half come from people with very small incomes, and some have been received from old-age pensioners and unemployed.

A soldier who lost a leg in 1917 and has only his disability pension has taught himself knitting and sends a scarf every fortnight.

### Children's Good Work

Pat and Peter, a sister and brother under 10 from Bradford, sent a two-colour scarf in which Pat had knitted the grey and Peter the khaki bands.

"Dear Soldier," they had written, "will you please write, as we would like to keep your letter for always?"

The youngest knitters so far are a girl of six from London and a boy of seven from Leeds.

"Some of the very best work has been done by children," said a worker who unpacks and examines the comforts as they arrive.

A very fine pullover came from Sunderland with the slightly ambiguous note: "I knitted this for my husband, but he has now gone to a warmer clime."

"Funny" inscriptions like "This is to keep your neck warm and clean until you meet Hitler," are the commonest.

The one which touched me most was from a Streatham woman who at 66 still goes out to clean by the day. It read "Just a few things for the boys from Mother."

Among the things most wanted besides socks, scarves, helmets, pullovers and mittens, are dark-coloured handkerchiefs, mouth-organs, playing-cards, cigarettes and sweets.

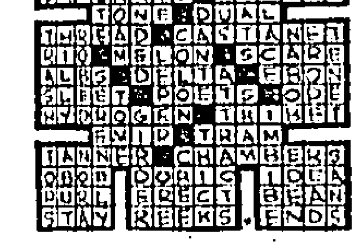
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

**ACROSS**

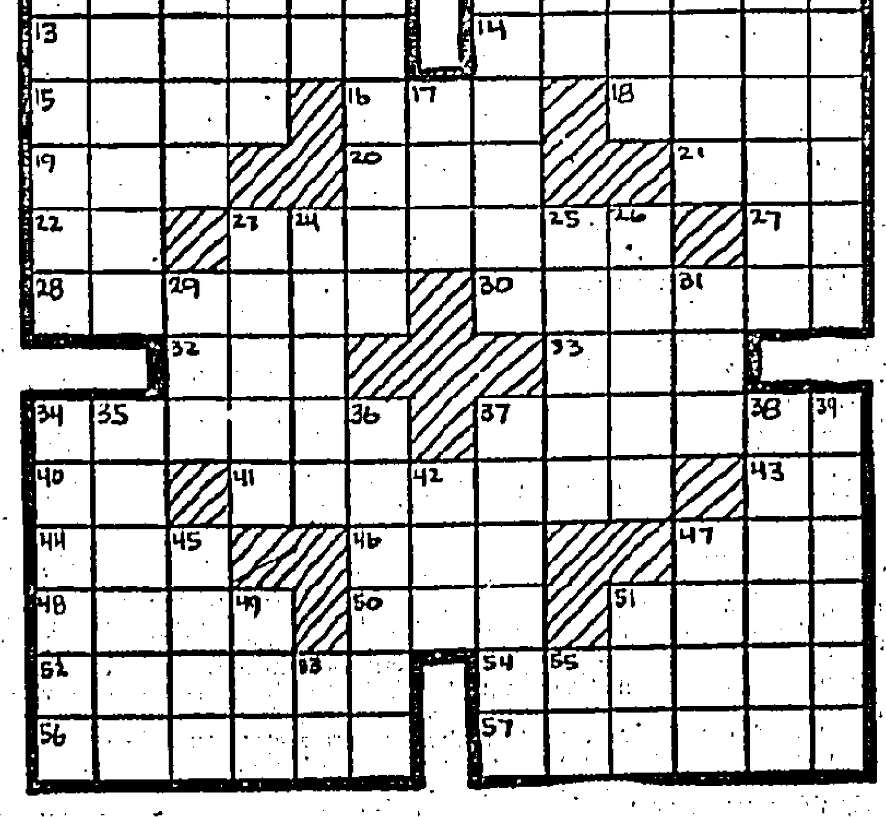
1—Healing substance
7—Device for taking pictures
13—Kind of fruit
14—Bleated
15—Japanese product
16—Drunkard
18—Venetian ruler
19—The sun
20—Navy sailor
21—Tree juice
22—Urban railway (slang)
23—Very pious person
27—Pursuer, in "tag"
28—Support a proposal
30—Grave markers.
32—Curve
33—Stinging insect
34—Partition
37—Punctuation mark
40—Chopping tool
41—Rubbers
43—Rachel (abbr.)
44—Frozen water
46—Distress signal
47—Distant
48—Bagging
50—Deprecating exclamation
51—Religious group
52—Inactive
54—Thrust stake through,
56—Perused again
57—Make loud sound

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



**DOWN**

1—Lessenings
2—Kind of bird
3—Lofty
4—Writing fluid
5—King of Bashan
6—Housed
7—From certain fruits
8—And it
9—Wet earth
10—An asteroid
11—Get back
12—Experts
17—Grain
23—Turkish government
24—Bring on self
25—Heavy sword
26—Rows
29—Headgear
31—Brazilian coin
34—Mariner
35—Agitate
36—Having masts
37—Annoy
38—Prophet
39—Shot out suddenly
42—French coin
45—Oriental ruler
47—Terror
49—American writer
51—Watering place
53—Continent (abbr.)
55—Month (abbr.)

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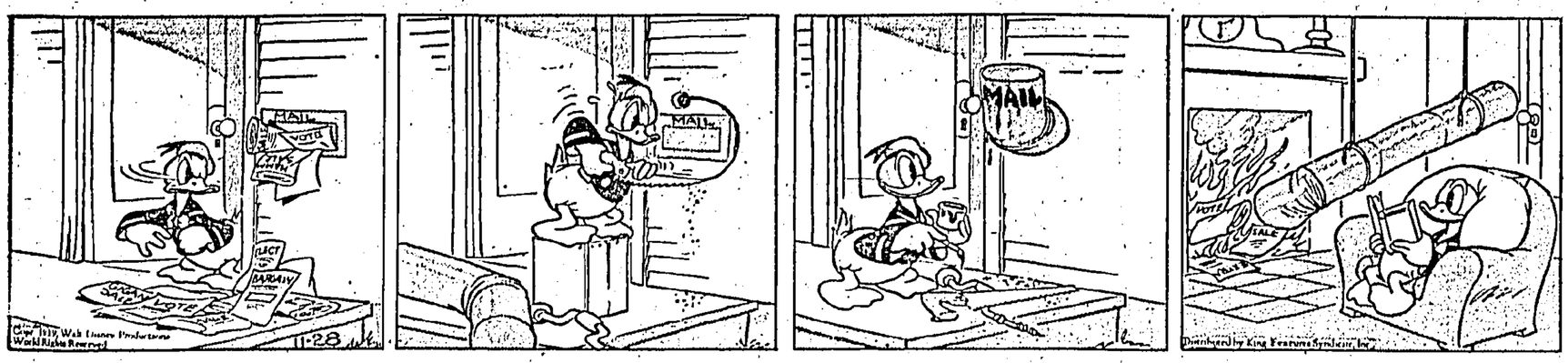
## DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney

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# MAN OF MAGIC (£700 A WEEK) LEAVES £587

**HORACE GOLDIN, whose "magic" once earned him £700 a week died worth only £587.**

But to some unknown magician he has left something that may be worth a fortune—the secrets of his tricks.

Mr. Will Goldston, founder of the Magicians' Club, said.

"All Mr. Goldin's secrets are in my safe at the club, and I shall keep them there until I think a member of the club shows enough genius to be trusted with them.

"I have a member in mind now.

"That, I know, is what Horace Goldin would have wished."

Goldin was president of the club. At one time he had ten companies exploiting the famous "sawing through a woman" illusion; a model showing how it is worked is among the secrets in the safe.

### He remembered

He left no will, and letters of administration have been granted to his widow, Mr. Helen Leighton Goldstein, now living in America.

Goldstein was Goldin's real name; he was a Polish-Jew, and he emigrated to America as a youth.

Mr. Goldston said the reason Goldin left so little was that for years he had supported seven people who used to work in his shows.

They had to give up their jobs through illness. One was a woman.

Mr. Goldston added: "Goldin had a hard time as a boy, and it made him generous to everybody he employed.

"Every Friday he would come into my room to make out pay envelopes for his seven pensioners. It was his great secret.

"Generally he had little idea of the value of money. If it was there he spent it."

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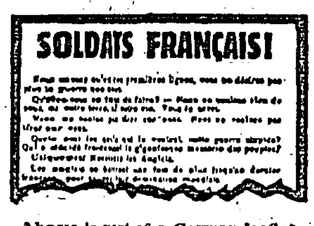

Above is part of a German leaflet in French, some copies of which fell in Luxemburg. Translation is:

FRENCH SOLDIERS!

We know that in these front lines you don't want the war any more than we do.

What are you doing? We want nothing from you; neither your land nor your life. And that you know.

You don't want to fire on us and we don't want to fire on you.

Who are the only people who really want this ridiculous war? Who has wantonly decided upon this gigantic slaughter of peoples?

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## Wife To See All The Documents

# MALCOLM CAMPBELL DIVORCE CASE PLEA

## Wife To See All The Documents

**SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL'S petition for divorce from Lady (Dorothy Evelyn) Campbell, on the ground of her alleged adultery with the Hon. Brian Lewis and Mr. Angus Murdoch Keith, was mentioned in the Court of Appeal last month.**

Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., for Lady Campbell, supported an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Henn Collins, in the Divorce Division, relating to the discovery of documents in the divorce proceedings.

He said that there was a petition by Sir Malcolm and a cross-petition by Lady Campbell. The petitions had been consolidated.

To Sir Malcolm's petition there was an answer by Lady Campbell admitting adultery with one of the two co-respondents named by Sir Malcolm and alleging acts on the part of Sir Malcolm conducing to the adultery.

The answer of Sir Malcolm to his wife's petition was a denial of her allegations.

In her answer to Sir Malcolm's petition, said Mr. Levy, Lady Campbell admitted that between 1931 and 1934 she committed adultery with one co-respondent, but she said that Sir Malcolm had consistently neglected her and that he had been in the habit of associating with certain women—in spite of her protests.

### WOMEN NAMED

Lady Campbell named a number of women with whom, she said, Sir Malcolm had associated.

Upon that issue, added Mr. Levy, an order against Sir Malcolm was made for the discovery of documents. In due course Sir Malcolm filed an affidavit of documents, but it contained no reference to any correspondence passing between Sir Malcolm and the women mentioned by Lady Campbell in her answer or of his association with them.

Lady Campbell, however, was in possession of a number of letters and other documents which had been written by the women mentioned to Sir Malcolm or by him to them, and other documents such as invoices or receipts for jewellery which would appear to have been presents for some of the women.

### WOMAN'S OPERATION

Accordingly Lady Campbell took out a summons for an affidavit of specific documents. This came before a Registrar, who made an order on it that certain classes of documents should be disclosed. These included correspondence between Sir Malcolm and Hilda Rogers and her medical advisers and chemist etc., relating to a surgical operation undergone by Hilda Rogers in August 1937.

Hilda Rogers, Mr. Levy said, was one of the women referred to in the particulars of conduct conducing.

Sir Malcolm appealed from the Registrar's order to Mr. Justice Henn Collins, who allowed the order to stand so far as it related to the documents which were in Lady Campbell's possession, but not in regard to other similar documents.

Mr. Levy submitted that Lady Campbell was entitled to have all the documents disclosed.

Giving judgment allowing the appeal, the Master of the Rolls said that the existence of the associations alleged by Lady Campbell was a relevant matter and he could see no ground for limiting the order in the way the judge limited it.

The appeal would be allowed and the order of the Registrar restored. Lords Justices Scott and MacKinnon concurred.

## Blaming The Enemy

**A German broadcast was blamed at Weymouth, when a summons against Frank Ernest Charles Roe, landlord of the Cutter Hotel, for supplying liquor after hours, was dismissed.**

**Policemen who were listening outside the hotel said they heard a voice say, "Come on, let's have one for the road."**

**For the defence it was stated that liquor was served to residents—two civilians, a flight-lieutenant, and four non-commissioned officers.**

**Captain F. D. Roe, the landlord's father, said the words heard by the police came in a German broadcast in English from Zeesen.**

## Germany Ripe For Revolt, Says Strasser

Paris.

"Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution," declared Dr. Otto Strasser (who has been called "Hitler's worst enemy") in a "Paris-Soir" interview.

Dr. Strasser, who is now in Paris, disclosed that he was given four hours to leave Switzerland after the Munich bomb explosion because the Nazis were demanding his extradition.

His opinion is that the bomb attempt "could only have been caused by Gestapo provocation."

"I can give you one tasty detail," he continued. "The beerhouse where the explosion took place had been insured with a Swiss company four weeks previously.

### "Rising In Spring"

"I have continuous contact not only with members of my organisation but also with numerous militarists and party members.

"I can tell you that Germany is ready for an anti-Hitler revolution. But you know that Germans do not know how to act without receiving a formal order.

"First of all three conditions must be realised:

"The Germans who still believe in Hitler should really feel the horrors of war.

"The Reich must suffer its first military check; and

"Privations must become more biting.

"I consider that by the spring of 1940 these three conditions will be fulfilled."

[Dr. Strasser is the leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" organisation and has waged a bitter war from abroad against Hitler since his brother, Dr. George Strasser, was killed by the Nazis in Berlin some years ago.]

[The brothers were at one time Hitler's most trusted friends.]—Reuter.

# THESE ARE THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING AT HOME

Novelty dance numbers, which considerably enlivened last year's Christmas and New Year festivities, and swing music, say Hongkong bandleaders, will be the vogue this season.

Of the novelty dance numbers, bandleaders select the Boomps-a-Daisy—and that old favourite, the Palais Glide.

Already a popular item in many places, the Boomps-a-Daisy has not yet become a "hit" at the cabarets, although the dance was introduced to Hongkong some time ago by Dave Harvey, the popular entertainer at the "Gripps" who is now in Manila.

Cabaret managements, however, have optimistic views that the number will be popularised before the festivities begin.

An old war-time favourite, the Valeta, will come into prominence this year, according to a bandleader's predictions. It has already gained popularity in the past few weeks.

**The latest song hit of the present war, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," will take its place beside songs of the last war, such as "Tipperary," and "Pack Up Your Troubles."**

Many people have already become acquainted with the words of "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," for the verses are boarded" every time the tune is played at the Hongkong Hotel.

Another very popular tune of the present war which has already been heard in Hongkong on the radio, "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," is expected to be popularised in Hongkong by the New Year.

Two other tunes now popular in Great Britain, "Run, Rabbit, Run," and "Nasty Uncle Adolf," are expected to become favourites in Hongkong shortly.

Words to the novelty number tune, the Boomps-a-Daisy, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," and Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," are:

### The Boomps-a-Daisy

*Clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*I like a bustle that bends,*
*Clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*What is a boomp between friends?*
*Clap hands, now don't be lazy,*
*Let's make the party a wow,*
*Now then, clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*Turn to your partner and bow.*
*Bow-wow, bow, bow-wow.*

### Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line

*Mother dear I'm writing you from Somewhere in France,*
*Hoping this finds you well,*
*Sergeant says I'm doing fine,*
*"A soldier and a half,"*
*Here's a song that we'll all sing,*
*I'll make you laugh.*
Chorus:
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*Have you any dirty washing mother dear?*
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*Cos the washing day is here.*
*Whether the weather may be wet or fine,*
*We'll just rub along without a care.*
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line.*
*If the Siegfried Line's still there.*

### Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Good-bye

*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,*
*Cheerio here I go on my way.*
*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,*
*With a cheer, not a tear, make it gay.*
*Give me a smile I can keep all the while,*
*In my heart while I'm away,*
*Till we meet once again you and I,*
*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye.*

## Boon of War: Fewer Saxophones

Men who make saxophones are busy on work of national importance, which is not making saxophones.

In Besson and Company's factory, just off Marble Arch, 90 craftsmen are working on an order for 5,000 trumpets and bugles for the three services, and on another for 21 complete military band outfits for the Australian Defence Force.

### A Useful Job

The cutting out, the shaping, the metal-spinning and the bending, which turn sheets of rough brass and copper into the instruments which shine on the parade ground is to be seen.

Working at his lathe, Arthur Baillie, who has spent all his life at the craft, told something of the uses of metal-spinning.

"Spinning's a useful job," he said, as, with a few deft touches, he spun the brass binding on to the bell-mouth of a trumpet.

"It's not all for trumpets and such-like. I've made chalices and candlesticks, silver cups and hunting horns."

# Nation Cannot Afford "Little Barbarians"

"The nation cannot afford to let 750,000 children grow up as little barbarians."

Earl De La Warr, President of the Board of Education, said.

He was addressing a teachers' meeting at Toddington, Gloucestershire.

About 750,000 children had been evacuated. A similar number left behind were receiving no schooling.

Earl De La Warr hoped to make an early statement on the Government's education policy.

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*At Aldeburgh, Suffolk, the Mayor has turned his parlour into a voluntary school until raid shelters have been made at the local school.*

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Accusations of "gambling with the safety of children" were made at Bournemouth Town Council meeting. The Education Committee was criticised for failing to provide raid shelters at elementary schools.

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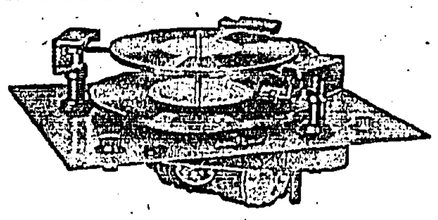

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## War Spending

J. M. Keynes, the English economist, has been putting up a proposition for paying for the war which, at first sight, looks like a conjuror's device for enabling everyone to hand over money to the State and yet have it safely in the banks for future use.

The position broadly is this: when a country is at war a great part of its effort goes into fighting and making war goods, and therefore less effort is available for producing ordinary consumption—goods—the nation's consumption must be reduced. The reduction may be effected by taking away some of its earnings by taxation, so that it must spend less; or by raising prices, so that it does not get so much for its money. Both methods if pressed far have their drawbacks.

So Mr. Keynes suggests a third method which would counteract the tendency for prices to rise, and would yet leave the worker with some part at least of his surplus earnings credited to him for future use. Employers would deduct a certain percentage of wages and incomes from all payments due to employees and hand it over to the State. The Treasury would then deal with the accounts. Those who were liable for income tax would have the amount withdrawn from their credit, and the balance would be credited to them at 2½ per cent, to be repayable after the war.

The plan reveals itself as one for compulsory lending to the State. But there is much to be said for the method by which the loan would be raised. Whether people like it or not, thrift must be practised during the war, and here is a way of simplifying it and using it for the benefit of the State. It has the advantage of preventing over-consumption at a time when there will be little or no unemployment, and reserving consuming power for a time when it will be most needed—after the war, when there will be danger of severe unemployment. This is not to say that the danger of these savings being hit by post-war inflation can be ruled out. But if a simple means can be found for directing a nation's war spending on sound lines, that is just what is wanted in Britain to-day.

AGITATED ADOLF'S WINTER PRODUCTION

The Scene Shifters: *"For Gott's sake, boss, make up your mind. Which scene do we start with?"*

# WHY HITLER HESITATES

## *by Francis Williams*

No real ray of light yet penetrates the fog of this strange new war.

The war strategy of the Allies is, it is true, clear enough, and on the whole thoroughly commendable. It has from the beginning been directed to avoiding large wastage of life in attacks against strongly fortified positions. It is the strategy of siege warfare, not of an attempt at a knock-out blow—whether by land or air.

It is the German reaction which provides the mystery of the war.

Here are threats piled upon threats, but so far hardly any action at all. Instead of the blitzkrieg expected, there is confusion and inactivity. In place of the waves of attacking planes which each one of us anticipated, there is a spray of propaganda which dashes itself to nothingness against the rock of fact.

Why is this? What is happening inside Germany to explain this failure of German arms even to attempt any decisive action?

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There seem to me to be four possible explanations. Here they are:

**(1) German inactivity may be a quite deliberate and considered policy of political war.**

As I pointed out in one of my previous weekly articles, military and political weapons are, for Herr Hitler, interchangeable—he employs whichever seems most likely to achieve his purpose.

And it is possible that he still considers that if Germany takes no decisive action, and particularly no decisive action against civilian populations, Britain and France will get tired of making a war which has no battles and will, in the end, allow it to die of its own inertia, leaving Germany still in possession of Czecho-Slovakia and her part of Poland.

Hitler may have studied the history of Sanctions against Italy and remember that after a period of not very whole-hearted action, there came a time when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that Sanctions had become midsummer madness. They were ended and Italy remained with her Abyssinia prize.

He may think—wrongly, I consider—that if he bides his time and does nothing very much, history will repeat itself, and that Mr. Chamberlain will make another speech and that another act of aggression will have been allowed to succeed.

**(2) The absence of a German attack may be due to inability to attack effectively against strong defences.**

The Air Force which has hung as a threat over Europe for so many years, may have been largely bluff and may not, in fact, be competent to undertake engagements which will involve it in a clash with first-rate opponents.

And the Army may be insufficiently equipped, have too small a proportion of fully trained men, and be unable to rely upon an efficient enough transport system to make it possible for it to risk any large engagement.

**(3) There may be dissensions so acute within Germany that the regime dare not risk a major war operation.**

It may not dare risk it for fear that it shall provide the cover for a major internal revolt—either within the Nazi Party itself or on the initiative of a monarchist-Army group, or possibly—although at the present stage this seems not very probable—within the mass of bewildered ordinary people.

**(4) Indecision may be due to a brainstorm on the part of Hitler himself.**

The feeling that he is being thwarted by Britain and France may, for the time being, have upset the balance of a mind never very stable.

Opposition to his will has always driven Hitler into a frenzy. If to this is added the effect of the Munich bomb plot, it may be that the Fuehrer is in no condition to come to any decisions himself and that none of his entourage has the courage to make decisions for him other than the makeshift decision to fill in the gap with loud threats.

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Which of these possible explanations of German inactivity is the most likely to be correct? It is very difficult to say.

There is some evidence to support each of them.

In support of the first is the fact that the one constant theme of German radio propaganda in English has been—apart from dislike for Mr. Churchill—that this is an absurd war. Again and again comes the attempt to persuade the people of Britain that none of their real interests is affected, and that it would be better for everybody if the war were called off without further ado. There is other evidence of the same kind.

Yet such an explanation does not square either with the bursts of hate propaganda, or with what seems at one time to have been very near to a decision to attack Holland.

In favour of the second explanation is the definite failure of the German air attacks on Scotland, the very high percentage of casualties and the accumulating evidence that the German fighters are inferior to both the British and French.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the leaders of a great military machine like the German would admit inferiority simply on such evidence and without the test of a really large scale action.

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As to the dissension within Germany, there was evidence of that before the Munich bomb showed the pitch to which hatred of Hitler has risen among some, at any rate, of those near to him.

And finally we have plenty of evidence over a long period of the unstable nature of the German Leader—of the passions into which opposition to his will throws him and of how queerly balanced in him are periods of indecision and of sudden political flair and decision.

Reports of a contemplated attack, first in this direction and then in that, the mixture of conciliation and hate in propaganda, all suggest that he is in one of these moods of indecision now.

If so we must not expect that indecision to last indefinitely. Nor, if we are wise, will we underestimate the power and energy of Herr Hitler when he does make up his mind.

Here then are four possible explanations of the mystery of Germany's inactivity. My own feeling is that it is something of all four which holds Germany back.

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Hitler, I think, has not yet quite made up his mind that the era of victories without war is over; he has been shaken in his hopes of a lightning war by his generals' reports on the comparative strength of the German forces and still more shaken by the knowledge of plots against him. In consequence he is at the moment in a mood of hysteria which makes decision impossible.

No doubt that mood will pass. But while it lasts we gain. Every day increases our output of arms, every day improves further our already strong Air Force.

And within Germany indecision at the top must be having a crushing effect upon the morale of the mass.

We must not fall into the danger of over-confidence, nor delude ourselves that Nazism will be defeated without a struggle.

But we may, at any rate, congratulate ourselves that in these early days democracy has shown steadiness both of strategy and purpose that Hitlerism has proved unable to achieve.

# Civil Defence Achievements

## 2,000,000 Shelters Now Ready

GLASGOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Civil Defence organisations formed the subject of a speech here by the man responsible for them—Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security.

What is called a lull may be the lull before the storm, he said, and a wise man sees that his home is in order before the storm breaks over it.

Civil defence organisations were by no means excessive, considering the tasks they may have to meet when an attack from the air comes. He was more concerned with whether or not they were sufficient.

By the end of this month, 2,000,000 steel shelters will have been provided, affording protection to over 11,000,000 people in the most vulnerable areas.

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LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Labour Party and Trade Union General Council of Finland have invited the British Labour Movement to send a representative to Finland to study the situation there.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"The wife's beginning to wonder why I've stopped biting my nails!"

**OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE**

# ENTIRE RUSSIAN DIVISION SMASHED BY THE FINNS

## Defenders' Greatest Victory of the War: Much Material Taken

Helsinki, January 9.

**The Finns have announced that their army has smashed the entire Russian Forty-Fourth Division, between fifteen and eighteen thousand men, near Soumussalmi.**

**The communique states that among the material captured were 1,170 horses, 47 field kitchens, 378 automobiles and ten armoured cars.**

**A special communique characterises the victory as the biggest since the Russo-Finn war began.**

**Over a thousand Russians were captured, in addition to 43 tanks, many guns and a vast amount of other booty.**—*United Press.*

### Finnish Advances

Helsinki, Jan. 8.

The Finnish troops continue to advance on the Salla front. Preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, the Finns re-occupied their positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Soviet troops.

The Russians are digging themselves in and are finding the cold so intense that many soliders became unconscious.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

### Red Communique

Moscow, Jan. 8.

A Red Army communique states that scouting activities were continued in the Ukhta and Reporla regions, while patrols outed a Finnish detachment in the Petrozavodsk region.

Artillery fire and scouting activities were reported from the Karelian Isthmus.

Owing to unfavourable weather there was no aviation activity.—*United Press.*

### Intense Cold Spell

Karelian Isthmus, Jan. 8.

Intense frost which congealed low particles almost like snow, was the ally of the Finns in their defence against the Russians on Sunday.

It was too cold for any majojr activity except artillery fire, which at times burst heavily on the Isthmus, for most of the Russian fingers were too numb to squeeze their rifles in view of the temperature dropping as low as 33 under zero. It is possible that it was colder elsewhere.—*United Press.*

### Pushing Home Advantage

Rovaniami, Jan. 8.

The 300 Russians who in last night's communique were announced as killed were in the first major encounter in 14 days on the Salla sector—the encounter in which the Finns are pushing their advantage in an effort to mass the remnant of the Russian forces between the two jaws of a nut cracker movement south of Salla.

The fighting has now rea hed the actual border in the Suomussalmi sector at Raate. The town of Raate is two kilometres from the frontier on the road from Suomussalmi to the border. Lakke Raate, in the same neighbourhood, is dissected by the frontier.

The ski detachment killed at Salla apparently belonged to the forces which the Russians equipped in an effort to emulate Finnish penetration tactics. As a rule these isolated detachments are much larger than Finnish patrols. They may comprise any number up to 1,000.

The use of skiis by the Russians is reported on several fronts recently, but the Finns claim that hardly one Russian knows how to ski. It is claimed that they found skiis with Russian felt boots nailed on them.

When the Russians are forced to flee they leave the skiis and boots behind.

The fact is that an ordinary Russian soldier's boots are unfit for skiis whether they are made of felt, as in most cases, or leather, whereas the Finnish soldier's boots have turned up tops to fit into the bindings of the skiis and are easily removed.

On Kianta Lake the Finns found among captured war materials small trucks loaded with skiis—Finnish skiis taken from evacuated Finnish towns and apparently intended for use later by Russian forest patrols. *United Press.*

### Appeal For Aid

London, Jan. 8.

An Empire-wide broadcast appeal for help of every kind for Finland was made last night by Doctor Tancred Borenius, Professor of History of Art at London University, who is himself a Finn.

"Although we have been victorious so far," he said, "it is obvious that the hour of danger is not past."

In referring to the fact that the British Legion had lent a house to serve as the headquarters of the fund, he said the Legion had not been slow in realising that Britain and Finland were fighting for the same ideals. It was on Finland that the brunt of the battle was now falling.

The greatest and most urgent need was medical supplies of all kinds.

The ruthless bombing of cities and villages and the machine-gunning of civilians wherever Russian aeroplanes sighted them, created casualty lists of appalling length.

Dr. Borenius mentioned that the King and Queen had both sent donations to the fund.—*British Wireless.*

## Ship's Fight With U-Boat

### Successfully Evades Two Torpedoes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Royal Mail liner, Highland Patriot, 14,000 tons, has arrived here safely after a running fight with a U-boat.

The ship was attacked by the submarine which fired two torpedoes. Both missed.

The ship's guns were promptly manned and the gunners continued firing when conditions permitted for some two hours.

**British Ship Mined**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The British steamer Cedrington Court, 5,160 tons, sank in ten minutes after an explosion occurred off the southeast coast last Sunday. The entire crew of 34 were saved.

One deckboy was blown 20 feet into the air, fracturing a leg. He was taken to hospital.

## Hore-Belisha Resignation

### Caused By Rebuke To Senior Officer?

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Discussing Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation, the "Evening Standard" bluntly charges that it came about as a result of his rebuke of a senior officer.

This aroused resentment among the higher ranks as the junior ranks knew about it.

Also, says "Evening Standard," Mr. Hore-Belisha had differences of opinion with General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, over the state of the defence in the British lines in France.

## ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

FROM PAGE ONE

Berlin correspondent of the "Belga" agency.

At first sight, the material seems to have originated from Italy.

So far German circles have given no political or legal justification for this seizure.

**U.S. To Aid Direct**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The United States Government has notified the League of Nations that she prefers to extend aid to Finland direct rather than through any general co-operative scheme.

This is in reply to a League of Nations Communication asking the nations of the world how far they would go in the matter.

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

FROM PAGE ONE

other nations were building warships rapidly.

"The United States will be a relatively weak naval power unless Congress authorises further construction," he warned.

Admiral Stark supported the 25 per cent. increase in tonnage and a total of 6,000 planes for the naval air arm as authorised by the Vinson Bill.

He said that the Bill would at a cost of $1,300,000,000 provide 107 new ships, including 30 auxiliary vessels.

The Admiral's testimony followed a brief statement by Secretary for the Navy Mr. Charles Edison asking for enactment of the Bill "in view of the grave international situation."

## U.S. TO FORTIFY ALASKA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Domei).—It is understood that during the current Congress session a definite plan for strengthening the defences in Alaska will be submitted.

Informed quarters point out that as part of the rearmament scheme, the Army will establish a big air base in Alaska while the Navy will open a naval base at Dutch Harbour.

## Trans-Atlantic Air Service In June

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—The British Overseas Airways Corporation is sending a technical expert to the United States, Canada and Newfoundland in anticipation of opening a Trans-Atlantic air service in June from Britain.

CANBERRA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, stated to-day that the Government immediately is considering the question of diplomatic representation in Tokyo.

## No Threat To Boulder Dam

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The War and Navy Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation deny knowledge of foreign reports of a plot against the Boulder Dam. It is stated the rumours were probably due to the special precautions taken during the past month to guard the Dam.

The Commissioner of Reclamation, Mr. John C. Page, said he had not heard of any plot. The rumours were probably precipitated by the precautions taken by the authorities.

## Illegal Immigrants

### Authorities Issue New Warning

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—*Reports have reached London* that certain shipping agencies are engaged in organised transport of emigrants to Palestine.

There is reason to believe that intending emigrants are unaware that they will not be admitted into Palestine unless possessed of immigration certificates issued by the Palestine Department of Migration and that if they arrive in Palestine without these certificates, they are liable to serious penalties and deportation under Palestine law.

### Unseaworthy Ships

Ships on which immigrants travel at great expense to themselves are, it is alleged, small insanitary and unseaworthy. The Captains and crews also are apparently unaware that by carrying passengers not legally entitled to land in Palestine they themselves are liable to arrest and heavy fines.

There is a report that the Second Officer of the Turkish steamer, Sakarya, now at Sulina, has resigned his post because he engaged in this traffic and has discovered the penalties to which he would be liable.

It is also reported that conditions on the Sakarya are very bad. There is no heating and there have been several dozen cases of pneumonia amongst the complement.

## HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH ITALY REPORTED

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differences with Hungary in view of the European situation. It would be a fatal mistake, he states, not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution.

**Aimed At Both Nazis And Soviet Russia**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (Domei).—It is reported that an understanding regarding the conclusion of a defensive alliance between Italy and Hungary has been reached as the result of the conversations between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries at Venice.

**The report says that Italy will extend military assistance to Hungary immediately in case either Germany or Soviet Union invade Hungary.**

It is understood that the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, following his conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, at Venice, has brought to Budapest a draft of the proposed military alliance.

Obtaining his Government's approval for it, Count Csaky will proceed to Rome to sign the Military agreement formally with the Italian Foreign Minister.

**"Nothing Known" Says Reuter**

ROME, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in Rome concerning the conclusion of a defensive military alliance between Italy and Hungary as reported in the New York wireless broadcast which said that Count Ciano and Count Csaky had agreed to such a pact during their week-end in Venice.

The New York wireless quoted a highly-authoritative source in Budapest for its statement, declaring that Italy had agreed to go to the assistance of Hungary in the event of aggression against her by Russia or Germany.

The announcer added that Count Csaky would submit the proposed pact to the Government, and then return to Italy.

## 40,000 Repatriated Nazis Return

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency announces that 40,000 repatriated Germans from the former Eastern Poland have arrived at Lodz, where they are accommodated in camps.

The first contingent of Germans from the former North and Central Poland, many of whom made the journey in horse-drawn vehicles, have also arrived at Lodz.

## Exchange At A Glance

**SELLING**

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| T.T. London | 1/2 13/16 |
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| T.T. Shanghai | 290 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52½ |
| T.T. Japan | 103 |
| T.T. India | 82⅛ |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 24⅜ |
| T.T. Manila | 48¾ |
| T.T. Batavia | 45⅝ |
| T.T. Bangkok | 150¼ |
| T.T. Saigon | 108¼ |
| T.T. France | 10.85 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 107¼ |
| T.T. Australia | 1/6⅝ |

**BUYING**

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| 4 m/s L/c London | 1/3.5/32 |
| 4 m/s D/P Do. | 1/3.9/32 |
| 4 m/s L/C U.S.A. | 25⅛ |
| 4 m/s France | 11.40 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02½ |
| U.S. Cross rate in N. Y. | 3.95 |

## Japanese Army Won't Leave

—*SPOKESMAN*

PEIPING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The status of the North China regime would be the same even after the formation of the proposed Central regime, declared the Japanese Army spokesman here yesterday.

This spokesman added that the North China army was convinced that they must aid the formation of the new regime.

There is no possibility of the withdrawal of the Japanese Army from China, at least for the time being, the spokesman added.

There will be a special status provided for Mongolia and North China under the projected government.

## CANADIAN C.O., ENTERTAINED

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The leader of the Canadian Overseas Army, Major-General Andrew McNaughton, and his two senior officers, were entertained on Sunday by the Duke of Connaught at his Surrey residence.

His Royal Highness, who is a former Governor-General of Canada, showed an active interest in the welfare and training of the Canadian troops.

Major-General McNaughton said that the British authorities had done their utmost to make the Canadians comfortable and to help with their training.

The U-boat then disappeared.

## King Of Thai In Switzerland

ZURICH, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The 14-year-old King of Thai, accompanied by his mother and brothers, has arrived in Switzerland on holiday.

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 8 (UP).—The French patrol ship Barsac, 1,040 tons, is aground on Onza Island, at the mouth of the Marin River, and she is a total wreck. Ten members of the crew are missing.

## Dreaming With Eyes Open

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The "North China Daily News" has received from a gentleman in Nanking who styles himself "Retrocession Commissioner of the Reformed Government" an invitation to attend "a reception and ball at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong, on the occasion of the formal signing of an agreement between China and Great Britain to cede Hongkong to the former."

The date of the signing of the agreement will, it is said, be announced later.

The invitation states that "the Commissioner takes this opportunity of expressing gratification that all foreign Settlements and Concessions which have been encroaching on Chinese sovereignty and soil are now a thing of the past."

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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| **BANKS** | |
| H.K. Banks, $ | 1,400 b. & sa. |
| H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ | .85 n. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £ | .87 n. |
| Chartered £ | 8¾ n. |
| Mercantile, A. & B. £ | 28⅞ n. |
| Mercantile, C. £ | 11¾ n. |
| East Asia $ | 78 n. |
| **INSURANCES** | |
| Canton $ | 205 b. |
| Union $ | 440 b. |
| China Underwriter $ | 1¼ s. |
| H.K. Fire $ | 185 n. |
| **SHIPPING** | |
| Douglases $ | 72 b. |
| Steamboats $ | 11 n. |
| Indo-Chinas P.$ | 100 b. |
| Indo-Chinas D$ | 80 b. |
| Shell (Bearers) s/- ex div. | 77/6 n. |
| Waterboats $ | 7½ n. |
| **DOCKS ETC.** | |
| Wharves $ | 102 sa. |
| Docks $ | 22.00 sa |
| Providents $ | 4.80 s. |
| New Eng. Sh. | 19.80 n. |
| Sh. Docks Sh. $ | 240 n. |
| **MINING** | |
| Kailan s/- | 18/- n. |
| Raubs $ | 10.10 n. |
| Venz. Gold $ | 4 n. |
| H.K. Mines $ | 4 cts. n. |
| **LANDS** | |
| Hotels $ | 5.90/.95 sa. |
| Lands $ | 33¼ b. |
| Lands 4% Deb. $ | 100 n. |
| S'hai Lands Sh. $ | 15¼ n. |
| Humphreys $ | 8.00 n. |
| H.K. Realties $ | 4.40 b. |
| Chinese Estates $ | 101 n. |
| **UTILITIES** | |
| Trams $ | 17.50 b & sa. |
| Peak Trams (old) $ | 8 n. |
| Peak Trams (new) $ | 4 n. |
| Star Ferries $ | 68½ n. |
| Y. Ferries $ | 23¾ b. |
| China Lights (old) $ | 7.60/.70 sa. |
| China Lights (new) $ | 4.75 b. |
| H.K. Electrics | 56 s. |
| Macao Electrics $ | 18½ n. |
| Sandakan Lights | 11.25 b. |
| Telephones (old) $ | .25 sa. |
| Telephones (new) $ | 9.40 b. |
| Tractions s/- | 18/3 n. |
| Tractions (Pref.) s/- | 18/9 n. |
| **INDUSTRIALS** | |
| Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $ | 14.90 n. |
| Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $ | 13 n. |
| Canton Ices $ | 1 n. |
| Cements $ | 17.95/18.00 sa. |
| H.K. Ropes $ | 6.00/6.25 sa. |
| **STORES, &c.** | |
| Dairy Farms (old) $ | 22.25 b. |
| Dairy Farms (new) $ | 21¼ b. |
| Watsons $ | 9.25 b. |
| Lane, Crawfords $ | 7½ n. |
| Sinceres $ | 1.80 n. |
| Wing On (H.K.) $ | 41 n. |
| Powell, Ltd. $ | 1 n. |
| **COTTON MILLS** | |
| Ewo Sh. $ | 30.25 n. |
| S'hai Cotton Sh. $ | 156 n. |
| Zoong Sing, Sh. $ | 44 n. |
| Wing On Textiles, Sh. $ | 48½ n. |
| **MISC.** | |
| H.K. Entertainments $ | 6¾ b. |
| Constructions (old) $ | 1.75 b. |
| Constructions (new) $ | 1 n. |
| Vibro Piling $ | 8½ n. |
| Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds | 49% n. |
| H.K. Govt. 4% Loan | 100 n. |
| H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan | 97½ n. |
| Marsmans (Lon.) s/- | 15/- n. |
| Marsmans (H.K.) s/- | 4/- n. |

## BERLIN-MOSCOW TRIAL FLIGHT

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that a Soviet passenger plane has left Moscow on the first trial flight in the new Moscow-Berlin air service.

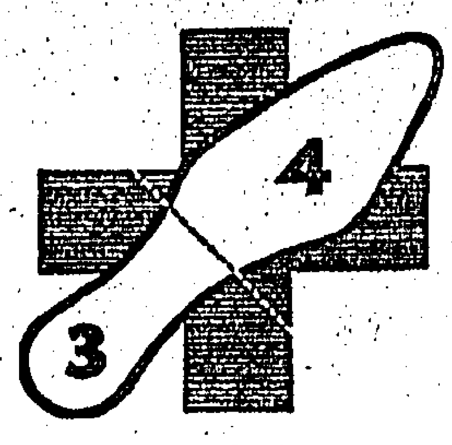
It says that a German plane will make the flight on January 12 and that the regular service begins on January 21 via Minsk, Koenigsberg and Danzig.

## Hai Alai Shares Prove Popular

MANILA, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The 400,000 pesos issue of the new Philippine Hai Alai Corporation, which is capitalised at 1,000,000 pesos, has been substantially over-subscribed.

Very keen demand for the issue came from Shanghai.

The list, however, remains open until 5 p.m. to-day.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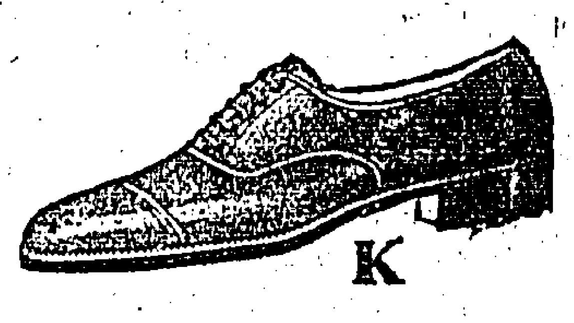


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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# EFFORT TO CONTINUE THE LEAGUE

## Indians Beat Club: Recreio Win Another Low Scoring Game

**AT THE TIME these notes are being written I am unaware of the League Committee's decision, though I know that all the various Clubs with which Ihave discussed the matter want to carry on. It will, of course, hit some more than others, but I know so well how things get slack without some sort of a League to hold them together. There was a rumour going round that the University were taking over the Navy fixtures and producing a second eleven.**

**It is good news that the Varsity can raise two elevens, but to be quite frank they are not worth their place in the senior division, and it will do them much more good to play through the junior division with a fair chance of winning. I don't think they will but they may.**

To turn to Saturday's cricket, the Club took down a rather weak to Sookunpoo, though H. Owen Hughes made his first appearance for them. As usual their bowling let them down, and to add to their trouble Alec Pearce, who had slightly damaged his side before, strained or tore the muscles of his left side very nastily and could not bowl, and, while he gallantly went in low down with a runner, it was obvious that he was in great pain every time he hit the ball.

### A. H. MADAR AGAIN

MADAR has been making some good scores this season, and he put together a nice 56, while M. el Arculli, who has come on this season I think, ran up 55. Nobody but John Pearce could do anything with the ball, and a declaration with 177 for 8 wickets gave the Club time to get the runs—if they could. But with T. A. Pearce crocked it was most unlikely.

Owen Hughes opened, and considering he was short of practice (I learn an accident put him out of cricket at home early in the season) he shaped excellently. Carey, however, did not, and I don't think he is an opening batsman. He was always iffing to Minu, and bought it early on. Haymes succeeded and batted very confidently. I feel sure that if he could play regularly, and get to the nets he would turn into a very useful bat indeed. Minu bowled steadily, and though Owen Hughes seemed to have his measure he was beaten by one, and well taken in the slips. Shortly afterwards John Pearce snicked A. H. Madar and was also a slip victim.

### A STOUT STAND

AT THIS POINT A. K. Mackenzie came in, and, if somewhat agricultural in method, he was successful in clumping the bowling about while Haymes in more polished style laid on at the other end. The score mounted rapidly, and someone was even heard to enquire how long was left to get them!

But then a series of catastrophies occurred. Haymes put his leg in front of one from A. M. Rumjahn when he had made 29, and then Minu in one over bowled Mackenzie (22) with his faster ball, and had Day and Daw caught in the slips. Alec Pearce struggled on and got 13, while Potter defended. Minu however pushed a good one down to get Pearce l.b.w., and Finnie did not last long. Suiter, who had dislocated a finger fielding, was absent and so the I.R.C. won by 79 runs in what was rather a chapter of accidents for the Club.

### A Close Thing

AT THE C.S.C.C., the home side got the Recreio champions out for under a hundred runs for, I am told, the third time running. And for the third time running they lost the match. There seems to be some evil joss about that ground that turns some quite good batsmen into spineless ferrets, and I am seriously considering consulting some professor of Geomancy as to what can be done about the *fung shui* of the place.

Possibly the erection of the football stands has prevented our own particular Joss, which, I believe, lives in what is by courtesy known as the billiard-room, from getting a direct view of the Football Club Bar.

However that may be, the C.S. bowlers started very well, and put out three of the Gosanos for eight runs between them. The fourth however, Gerry, who is going to be the best bat of the lot perhaps, saved the situation with a 30 not out, hitting anything loose quite firmly to the boundary. Rodrigues (13) and Beltrao (17) gave him useful support until N. L. Smith, the C.B.S. schoolboy, went on with medium off turners and took 4 for 7. The total was 95 runs.

### COLLAPSE

IT IS TRUE that the C.S. were without Fortescue and Barrow, but there is no excuse for the weakness of the batting. A Weller, another C.B.S. boy playing to fill up the side, made 25 runs, but Richardson, Holledge, College and McLellan all failed. Perry hung on at one end and got 17 not out, and Whitley, after being apparently bowled but given not out, (Ozorio the bowler agreed) hit the next over from that bowler for twenty. But the side was all out for 86 and Recreio won by 9 runs. Ozorio took 7 for 51 and E. L. Gosano 3 for 27.

## Intra-Club Game

THE CRAIGENGOWER players have a genius for intra-club matches, and seem to enjoy them far more than many others. F. R. Zimmern, A. K. Ismail, H. P. Lim, who has staged a great come back this year, and Tinker Lee all did well with the bat in a twelve-a-side game. There were no very outstanding bowling performances.

## Club 2nd XI Win

THE CLUB SECOND—in what may have been a League match, beat what may have been an Army second eleven by a rapid bit of scoring. The Army included Whatman, Lawrence, Swyer and Q. M. S. Paterson who usually play for the first, I think, and ran up 180 for 8 wickets. Most people got a few, but Lawrence (67) and Whatman (41) were the principal scorers.

Set to get 181 in roughly speaking an hour and a half, the Club brought it off. Armstrong was top-scorer with 59, while Divett, Parsons and Lowe all got into the thirties. Extras were 23 and they got home by 6 wickets. It is interesting to note that against the Army's 31.

## Police Buy It

THE VERY KEEN R.A.F. team made an excellent start by beating a pretty strong Police team very heavily. Nancarrow (he should come from west of the Tamar?) made 42, and took 5 for 18, so he has every reason to look back on the match with pleasure. King got thirty eight, and Waddington 29 plus 4 for fourteen. The Police were all out for 37. The only arresting part of their cricket was when Danbrowsky finished off the Air Force innings by taking four wickets for no runs.

The only other game which comes within my province is one in which an "A" University team was well beaten by D.B.S. For the School, L. R. Buch took 7 for 32 in 8 overs. Machuley (28) Harris (31) and Ebrahim (32) were top scorers for the school who made 152 against their opponents' one hundred and seven.

My account of the all-day game between K.C.C. and C.S.C.C. on Sunday appears in another column.

# A SPLENDID VICTORY

## Civil Servants Beat The Clock And The Kowloon Cricket Clnb

ON SUNDAY LAST there was a magnificent all day match between the K.C.C. and the Civil Service who were without Fortescue, Barrow and Whitley, and brought in Weller and N. L. Smith, from the C.B.S., and Attwell. Kowloon were without Robert Lee, who was suffering from tonsilitis, B. D. Lay, G. C. Burnett, and Tom Madar, but when one considers the strength of their batting side it is clear no one but a bowler would have been selected. All the Sunday matches at the K.C.C. are most enjoyable, but this one had the added flavour of a most exciting finish.

K.C.C. batted first, and Anderson was dropped behind the wicket off the third ball of the match. It was not an easy chance perhaps, but it might have spelt disaster. Fortunately for the Civil Service, after Anderson had scored 7 runs, Perry got an excellent ball past his defence. McLellan and Perry both bowled very well and it was a splendid delivery from the latter which took F. J. Lay's wicket. Runs, however, came fairly steadily, though Mackay, with his score at 13, was bowled by McLellan and Ernie Fincher (19) was l.b.w. to Fenton. Then, however, D. Hung and Teddy Fincher settled down and took the score to 120 without further loss before tiffin.

Considering that the wicket, the light and the weather were perfect, the Civil Service could congratulate themselves on a good morning's work, and they proceeded to do so copiously, and, thereafter, we sat down (it is very nice the way the K.C.C. cricketers ask Mr. R. Abbit along to write rude things about them) to an excellent lunch, or at any rate I did, as my breakfast had been somewhat light.

### AFTER TIFFEN

AFTER TIFFIN McLellan bowled from the Pavilion end, and E. C. Fincher was caught at the wicket off his first ball, 127-5-23. Rapley then went in. Perry bowled at the other end, and D. Hung turned him prettily to fine leg for four. However, when at the other end, he played outside McLellan's first ball—a good off break—back went his leg peg, 134-6-35. Baxter then came in. He was lucky to be dropped in the gully in Perry's next over—a very keen chance. But wickets continued to fall, and Rapley was taken at wide mid-on. (141-7-3).

Lloyd then came in and clumped a single to mid-wicket, and thereafter the batsmen started running very keenly for singles and twos. Runs came quite fast until McLellan got one past Lloyd's defence, 163-8-14. A. Zimmern batted next and got a two off the last ball of the over—a very good one. Baxter began to let out, and was twice lucky when intended drives went away to leg, one for a boundary.

The C.S.C.C. fielding grew rather slovenly, and, though both batsmen were nearly caught, things would not go right for the attack, which, I think, should have been changed earlier. As has so often happened, after being in a good position, the C.S. attack seemed to lose its grip.

### ANOTHER WICKET

AT 190, Fenton went on for Perry, and in his first over Lawrence took Baxter nicely at first slip, 192-9-29. R. T. Broadbridge came in. The two hundred went up, and then at 204 Fenton bowled him for a score of ten. The C. S. should have got them out cheaper, but the strength of the K.C.C. batting is shown by the fact that Archie Zimmern and R. T. Broadbridge went in numbers ten and eleven.

### C.S.C.C. BAT

RICHARDSON and Weller opened to Lloyd and Anderson. Weller put the latter through the covers, and the ball was fielded well up on the grass rise just short of the cinder track. A similar hit had been given as a four to a K.C.C. batsman, and the local rule should be made clear to everyone. Runs came slowly and Weller was nibbling dangerously at Lloyd's off ball. At 12 he was beaten by Anderson's off break after having driven him very prettily to the off boundary the ball before.

He gives me the impression of having been very well coached, and he has a nice style, but I cannot help thinking he plays at where he thinks the ball ought to be, rather than where it is. In other words, he must learn to watch the ball right on to the bat. This will come with practice and experience. 12-1-0.

Holliday, who came in next was prone to nibble at the wrong ball on the off, but he missed them fortunately, and runs came steadily if slowly. At 26 tea was taken.

### AFTER TEA

AFTER TEA things again progressed quietly. Holliday was fortunate to be dropped off his pet cut at first slip. Otherwise he was playing very well. Richardson made a big on drive off Anderson, but was lucky to find long on standing much too close in. At 45 Richardon hit the ball hard and straight to cover and called for a naughty single, and Holliday only just got the decision. He celebrated it by a four to square leg, and then Richardson survived an appeal for a stumping off Lloyd. In the same over Holliday snicked a four in the slips; no chance, but a bad shot. Both bowlers were having hard luck, but there should have been a change much earlier. At 60, Holliday again steered his cut into (and out of) first slip's hands. He will have to lose that stroke if it takes a surgical operation.

### A CHANGE AT LAST

AT 67, Baxter was put on for Anderson at the K.B.C. end. Holliday cut a full toss very nicely square for

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Football Meeting

## Teams May Travel To Shanghai

### Protest Against Referee's Ruling

GOVERNMENT'S permission for soccer and rugger teams to travel to Shanghai for interport matches during the Chinese New Year holidays was made known at the Council meeting of the Hongkong FA. yesterday.

**A strong protest was lodged by Mr. Walter Hanming Chen on behalf of the South China Athletic Association regarding the ordering-off of Lee Shek-yau during the Eastern-South China second division match last weekend.**

**Mr. W. G. Pryde was in the Chair.**

A complaint was received from the Royal Corps of Signals on the ruling of the referee in their match against Royal Engineers on December 31. Mr. Holland said that the referee's decision was final.

### INTERPORT INVITATIONS

A letter was received from Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation requesting permission to stage two charity matches on February 8 and 9, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the Hongkong Chinese Athletes' War Relief Corps.

Mr. Pryde said that no decision could be made until they had heard from Singapore and Saigon. These two ports had been invited to play interport matches here during that period.

Mr. Pryde added that the Association had received intimation from Manila that they were unbale to visit the Colony during the Chinese New Year Holidays, as their players, the majority of whom were students, would be busily occupied with examinations.

A request from the Hongkong Chinese Journalists' Association for a charity match to be played on February 14 in aid of refugees, was granted.

Mr. Walter Hanming Chen said that his Association wished to lodge a very strong protest against the referee's ruling, resulting in the ordering off of Lee Shek-yau. Mr. Hollands said that the matter could not be discussed until the referee had sent in his report. Mr. Pryde said that Mr. Chen could attend the meeting of the Emergency Committee when they met to discuss the incident.

### GROUNDS OVERCROWDED

Mr. Chen also brought up the question of over-crowding of grounds and, as an example, submitted the South China "A"-Eastern match last Sunday, when between 300 and 400 spectators were permitted to pass through the turn-stiles in excess of the seating accommodation.

He made an effort to have the sale of tickets stopped when he saw that the ground was filled to capacity, but as soon as he had turned his back, the ticket sellers at the instance of Eastern officials completed the sale of their last 50 tickets. Mr. Skinner made a similar complaint. It was also alleged that counterfeit tickets had been sold in blocks outside the ground, but that it was impossible to keep a check on these. Mr. Gulmgam said that only Government stamped tickets were on sale at the turn-stiles.

Mr. Pryde suggested that the Association write to the clubs concerned regarding over-crowding, requesting stronger action in future.

## Senior And Junior Shield Draws

The following were the draws made:

**Senior Shield**

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| Police | v. Middlesex |
| Club or Royal Scots | v Eastern |
| South China "A" | v Navy |
| South China "B" | v St. Joseph's |

**Junior Shield**

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| S. China "A" or Elec. 30th Royal Artillery | v 9th Royal Artillery v Kowloon or 24th Bty. R. A. |
| Eastern | v Royal Engineers |
| International | v Police |

**Lai Wah Cup**

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| Army | v Navy (Jan. 27 Caroline Hill) |
| Civilians | v Chinese (Jan. 28. Navy Ground) |

Rifle Shooting

## Sub. Lt. Carey Scores Possible At 500 Yards

THE HONGKONG Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot on Stonecutters Range last Saturday attracted 47 members under good weather conditions:

Sub-Lt. Carey, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force won the nett spoon in the aperture sights class with a score of 97 and a possible button at the 500 yards range.

Mne. Croft won the nett spoon in the open sights class with 85, while handicap spoons were won by Mne. Fletcher and Mr. A. Simpson of the Dockyard Rifle Club.

**APERTURE SIGHTS**

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| Cpl. F. Cole 2 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 96 | |
| Capt. F. P. Sequeira Scr. | 29 | 34 | 32 | 95 | |
| Mr. J. A. Guard 1 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 94 | |
| Sgt. G. E. Breese 2 | 31 | 33 | 30 | 94 | |
| S.I. A. C. Chan 2 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 92 | |
| Mr. A. Simpson 10 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 92h | |
| Mr. W. Trenouth 1 | 31 | 31 | 29 | 91 | |
| Mr. H. L. Langley 2 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 91 | |
| Q.M.S., J. Ball Nil | 29 | 30 | 31 | 90 | |
| Mr. H. J. S. Blake Scr. | 27 | 29 | 31 | 87 | |

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| Mne. Jas. Fletcher 9 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 84h |
| Sgt. M. F. Rushman 7 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 83 |
| Sgt R. T. Heap 4 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 83 |
| Cpl. J. C. Remedios 11 | 26 | 26 | 23 | 78 |
| L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 8 | 27 | 29 | 30 | 77 |
| Pte. R. A. Castro 10 | 23 | 26 | 24 | 73 |
| L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier 7 | 23 | 23 | 28 | 74 |
| Mr. H. S. Jones 11 | 27 | 27 | 15 | 69 |
| Mr. V. R. J. Merrett 7 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 68 |
| Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 12 | 25 | 24 | 15 | 64 |
| Mr. F. V. V. Ribeiro 6 | 22 | 23 | 18 | 63 |
| Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez 13 | 20 | 17 | 23 | 62 |
| Pte. A. M. Xavier 14 | 25 | 21 | 6 | 52 |
| Pte. E. S. Marques 14 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 50 |

(n) winner of possible button.
(n) winner of nett spoon.
(h) winner of handicap spoon.
Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

## Referees Asked To Exercise More Care

COMMENT on the number of men sent off the football field during the past week-end was made by the Rev. Hincheliffe at the meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association yesterday. Though of the opinion that the actions of the referees must have been justifiable, he expressed the hope that the officials would, in future, exercise a little more care and think twice before taking such drastic steps.

It was decided that the annual Press and Referees match be played before the Lai Wah Cup match, between Civilians and Chinese, on January 28 at the Navy Ground.

Mr. D. M. Mitchell, the chairman, said the annual dinner was a success, and small profit realised will be credited to the Building Fund.

A plan of the Association's new club house which will be built in Wongneichong Road was seen by the members, and it was agreed to proceed with the scheme as the Association had acquired $2,000 on loan. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the annual fee be $5, with some footballers as honorary members.


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They Asked Conscientious Objectors These Questions At Tribunals in England

# WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE REPLIED?

**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS, facing local tribunals at Home, were asked "test" questions by their examiners.**

Here are the problems that were raised and the replies that were given:—

### Would You Fight Your Relatives?

"My father might be in the German Army, and I might have to fight him," Richard Walter Elias explained to the London Tribunal.

Elias is a pin-table mechanic living in Southern-street, King's Cross, N.

Describing himself as British-born, he said that his father, an Austrian, had remarried after a divorce, and that all his cousins were in Germany.

"Are you likely to come across them if you go out to fight?" he was asked.

"There is a possibility," he answered.

The tribunal decided that there was no conscientious objection, and Elias' name was removed from the register.

### Would You Let Your Mother Die?

JOHN RODERICK DAVIES, a farm-worker of Aberdare, Glamorgan, would not resist if Germans tried to kill his mother.

That is what he told the South Wales Tribunal at Cardiff.

"Supposing," it was suggested to him, "a party of Germans landed in Cardiff, marched to Aberdare, and told you that unless you gave them everything they asked for they would kill not only you but your mother as well. What would you do?"

"Stand still and let them in."

"Would you stand quietly and let them kill your mother?"

"Definitely so."

Davies added: "Why should I kill anyone whose mother has the same love for him as my mother has for me?"

He was granted exemption on condition that he undertook agricultural work.

### Would You Kill A Wounded Bird?

AS a boy Albert E. Arnold, of Kemp Town, Brighton, found a bird with a broken wing.

He could not leave it to suffer, so he stamped on its head.

"It haunted me for a week," Arnold told the South-Eastern Tribunal, and added that now he would willingly face a firing squad rather than take life.

He was exempted on condition that he remained in his present job of baker and confectioner.

### Would You Let A Burglar Steal?

IF Victor Chamberlain found a burglar in his house in Ashburton-road, East Croydon, he would not resist.

"I would reason with him," Chamberlain told the London Tribunal.

"If he still insisted I would let him take my goods."

He based his objection to military service on the interpretation of the Christian faith, and declared that it was wrong to kill an enemy.

He was registered for agricultural work.

## FAMOUS PEER ILL

London, Jan. 8.

Oxygen has been administered to the Duke of Westminster, 60, reputed to be one of the richest men in England, who is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

He became suddenly ill after his return from the Riviera last Thursday.—*United Press.*


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# V. C. Hero of Last War to Lead New Zealanders

A HERO of the Great War, one of whose exploits was referred to by Sir James Barrie in his address on "Courage" to students of St. Andrews University, has been chosen to lead the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

He is Major-General B. C. Freyberg, whose achievements in the last war earned for him the V.C., the D.S.O. with two bars and on two occasions. He was wounded nine times.

Major-General Freyberg, royal approval to whose appointment was announced recently, was the hero of a Gallipoli incident in 1915.

With his body painted black he swam for two miles from a destroyer to the shore with flares, which he then lit to create a diversion to enable troop landings to be made at other points. for this exploit he was awarded the D. S. O.

### Four Wounds In Two Days

He won the V. C. in November of the following year when at Beaumont Hamel he drove a wedge into the German line and on the following day personally led the charge that resulted in the capture of Beaucort. At the time he was 26 and in the two days was wounded four times.

The second bar to his D. S. O. was gained in the closing minutes of the war when, with nine men, he rushed a village and captured more than 100 Germans.

Major-General Freyberg was born in London but was educated in New Zealand and is now 40.

The first echelon of the volunteer force has completed intensive training and is awaiting embarkation. A second echelon is to be called up, it was announced in London.

# TANKS TO CARRY WOUNDED

## TIME SAVED IN LESS SERIOUS CASES

By RICHARD CAPELL
"Telegraph" War Correspondent

With the French Army.

The idea of making tanks do the work of stretcher-bearers would have seemed fantastic in the other war.

But a day or two ago, when on a visit to a battalion in the line, I happened to see the notion realised in practice.

The tank in question was one of the smallest of the breed. Compared with the original tanks which so much surprised those of us who were up by High Wood in the Somme in September, 1916, it is a Yorkshire terrier by the side of a wolfhound.

The French call these little tanks chenillettes. They are not more than 3ft high. It is amazing to see how the little monsters get across rough country and how they climb.

Their principal business is to convey ammunition to the front line; and if they bring back wounded on the return journey, these must be patients in a state to put up with a certain amount of jolting.

### Quicker Than Stretcher

My particular chenillette came in from a company aid post to the battalion medical officer with a man who had been wounded by a grenade. Without going into details, it may be said that the ground was less favourable to stretcher-bearing than Hampstead Heath would be.

I do not suggest that conveyance by tank is ever likely to be the ordinary means of bringing in the wounded, and the man with the grenade wound was probably glad enough to be transferred from the trailer of the chenillette into the motor ambulance which was waiting for him at the battalion aid post.

But he had been brought along in about a quarter of the time which a squad of stretcher-bearers would have taken.

### Strong Medical Service

The sector of the front I was visiting has been the scene of a certain activity, but here, as elsewhere, if casualties had been multiplied by 200, the medical service would still have been ready. What the French call evacuation hospitals, corresponding to the casualty clearing stations of the Royal Army Medical Corps, have been organised on an immense scale.

One name may be mentioned, that of the picturesque old Alsatian town of Phalsbourg, which is exclusively occupied by the medical corps.

It is a town of hospitals. Gigantic red crosses on the roofs and in the courtyards and squares announce the fact to enemy airmen, and the place is out of bounds to the rest of the army.

The dedication of the town is perfectly well known to the Germans. Whether they will respect it in the heat of battle remains to be seen.

# Organisation To Help

It has been decided to set up an organisation which will be available to inform relatives of officers of "matters of importance"—especially in case of the death of officers.

This announcement is contained in the Ministry of Information bulletin issued recently.

The term officer includes naval and marine officers, warrant officers, and members of Queen Alexandra's Nursing Service.

The head of the organisation will be Vice-Admiral H. S. Munroe, D. S. O.

Any communications dealing with this subject are to be addressed to "Relatives of Naval Officers Information Bureau, 58 Victoria Street, London, S. W. 1.

# PRIZE COURTS OF WORLD WAR

LONDON (UP).—The archives of the Prize Court, which passes on the disposition of contraband cargoes and vessels seized under the British blockade, are filled with accounts of many thrilling captures and bizarre incidents of the past.

During the last war, thousands of tons of grain, coffee, ores, phosphate rock, nitrate of soda, hides, petroleum, vegetable oils, salt, copper, aluminium, lard, bacon, meat, fruits, cocoa, rubber, fertilizer, tobacco, machinery, brick, tools, chemicals and coal were seized.

Some unique cargoes also fell under the authority of the court. One was consignment of alligators, frogs and snakes for the Berlin Zoo. They were condemned as enemy property and exhibited as prisoners of war.

There was a shipment of human hair from China destined for wigs for German women, and a long argument whether sausage skins were food. When the counsel produced an exhibit of the slimy casings for sausages the court observed:

"Take them away, certainly not."

Some of the difficult cases before the court concerned the shipment of goods for Germany through Denmark. Some 73,000,000 pounds of foodstuffs, rubber and hides, and lard were consigned from New York to Denmark. This quantity represented 13 times the normal shipment of goods via this channel. The entire cargoes were condemned as destined for the enemy. Nearly 40 lawyers were engaged in arguing these cases.

### Role Of Neutrals

The importance of trade carried on by Scandinavian countries, the United States and Latin American republics in relationship to the war was disclosed by the proceedings of the court. The task of the court was made difficult by various devices adopted to hide the fact that cargoes were destined for Germany. The principal means was the setting up of neutral agencies, but in many cases cargoes carried in neutral ships for neutral ports were condemned.

Throughout the war not a single life was lost on merchant vessels subjected to search or detention by the British navy.

Forty-one prize courts were constituted throughout the empire, but the chief court was in London. Some very long and involved judgments were given by Sir Samuel Evans and Lord Merrivale, who presided during the war.

Gross proceeds from cargoes sold amounted to more than $30,000,000. Eighty-one German vessels were condemned and 73 vessels were detained until after the war. Vessels sold yielded some $2,000,000.


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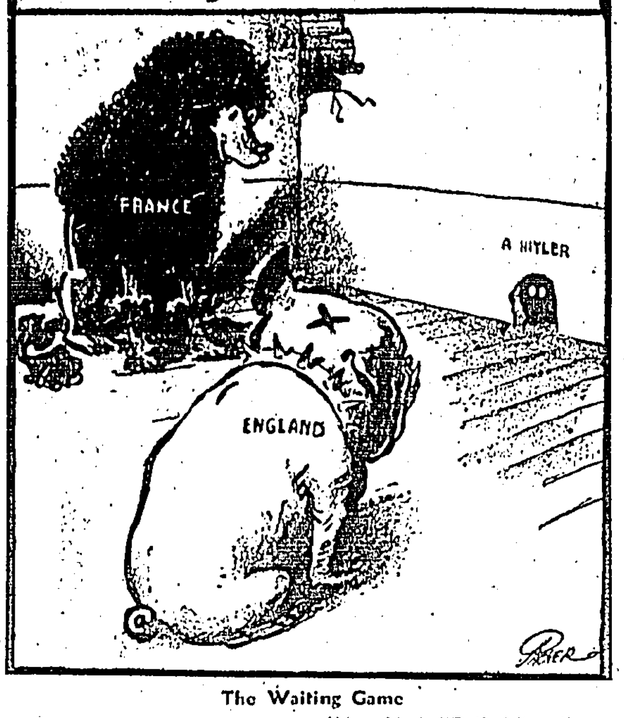


The Waiting Game
[New York "Daily Mirror"

# HERE'S A SHIP THE NAZIS CANNOT SINK

By W. M. DUCKWORTH

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND.

**I WENT on board H.M.S. ——, well, let's call it Pinafore as it is war-time. I watched the White Ensign hoisted from the stern—that ceremony of hoisting the colour which is performed on all ships of the Royal Navy at nine o'clock in the morning all over the world.**

I heard the chaplain read prayers and the band of the Royal Marines play the National Anthems of the Allied Nations and saw the ship's company march off to the tune of "A Life on the Ocean Wave."

But H.M.S. Pinafore is not really a ship afloat. The Germans won't be able to say that they sank it, because it is unsinkable.

It is a land ship, bearing the honoured name of an old cruiser. It is an example of the Navy's genius for adaptability.

In peace-time it was a holiday camp. Now it is a training establishment for new entries into the Navy.

### "For Your Delight"

Here come the raw material from Eton and Harrow, the village butcher boy and the grocer's lad, the bank clerk and the taxi-driver—all to be shaped into sailors.

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The old sea dogs, the grey-haired Reservists who have been called up, meet them at the gates and instil into them the need for discipline and physical training.

Life aboard H.M.S. Pinafore is pleasanter than it was in H.M.S. Crystal Palace during the last war.

On the boating lake, where the holiday campers used to paddle about in festooned craft, the lads are learning how to manage a whaler, while the instructor bawls at them from the lakeside.

The tennis courts have been turned into recreation grounds where netball is played, and a vast dance-hall has been converted into a clothing store.

A 60-year-old physical instructor was giving the men Swedish exercises.

"I remember him as my instructor at Osborne College," said one of the officers who piloted me round the ship.

### 300 Gallons Of Soup

To-day he was telling the lads the same old tale. "These exercises," he said as he stretched out his arms and legs like an acrobat, "will make you grow, so that you will be able to join the City Police after the war."

Trainees live in little chalets which were once the holiday homes of the campers. A recruit sleeps on a spring mattress and has a soft white pillow and plenty of blankets, with his own wash hand-basin, and a bed-light for reading in the black-out.

Mechanised waiters run round one of the great dining rooms. Nine electric trolleys go from table to table, each containing 120 hot dinners, and each man makes a grab for his meal as it passes.

To-day's menu, which was served by white-aproned chefs and Wrens, consisted of soup steak and kidney pie with vegetables and prunes and custard.

In one kitchen there was a row of vats almost brimming over with hot lentil soup—300 gallons of it; and it took two men to lift each mammoth steak and kidney pie.

# SHOT OFFICER LEAVES A 'TIP'

A £1 NOTE, with a letter saying that it was for the chambermaid, was found when Captain Reginald Oliver, a railway transport officer, was found shot in a bedroom in the South-Western Hotel, Southampton.

Captain Oliver was seen to be lying dead in the bed, with a service revolver in his right hand, when a fellow officer looked through a bullet hole in the bedroom door.

### In Black-Out

A letter addressed to a friend was found.

**On the previous night he had been knocked down by a motor-car in the black-out, but said he was not hurt.**

His friends say that he had seemed depressed for some days.

Captain Oliver, who stayed with his sister-in-law at Perivale, Middlesex, when he was in London, was the son of Mr. J. W. L. Oliver, C.B., of Baronsmede, Ealing. He was understood to be a widower with a young daughter. He had been at Southampton for six or seven weeks, having been called up at the outbreak of war.

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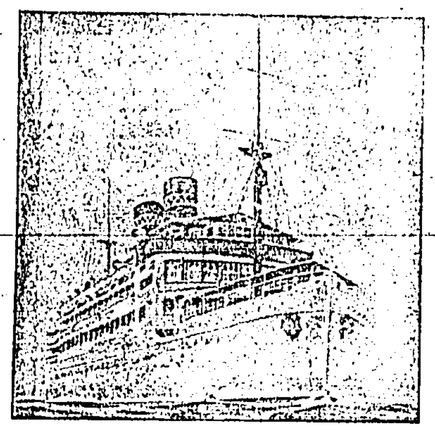

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## OUR MOTHERS USED TO CALL THEM BLOUSES

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# TOPS

Twenty-five years ago our mothers smartened up their war-time wardrobes with tailored blouses. We will do the same, but go one better. This page helps you to choose blouses that help the figure.

*Drawn by ROBB*

1 *This is a blouse to shade away the inches.—both of height and breadth; of soft periwinkle blue chiffon—shirred over the bust and with a soft neckline.*

2 *Simplicity should be your aim if you are small and plump. A blouse like this slims you and gives length; of soft crepe patterned in blue, mist and rose.*

3 *This type of blouse cuts down the height and gives you weight if you are tall and thin; of red and green plaid in thin wool, with a front panel and a silk scarf.*

4 *To round you out and give you importance. If you're what's usually called a "slip of a thing," choose a blouse like this; of mauve and white striped silk with squared shoulders, a yoke and neat collar.*

FOR good all-round economy there's nothing to beat a blouse: easy on the purse to begin with, time-saving to get into, cheap at the laundry. And they stand alone for picking up a tired suit.

But for all that they are not so easy to wear; because they end at the waist they cut your figure in half. If you are tall that's a good thing, but not many of us have mannequin figures. If you are on the plump side the average light silk blouse gives something of the effect of a skin on a sausage. If you are thin, "sloppy" is the word that rushes to the mind.

But there is no need for these drawbacks. Learn the principles of the kind of blouse you should wear off by heart, and you will feel as comfortable in a blouse and skirt as you do in your dressing-gown. If you can't buy *just* the thing you want, a few home-alterations are worth while.

There are four types of women who think they were hard done by when measurements were handed out—the tall and well-built (she's a fine figure of a woman), type, the short and plump (a real motherly woman), the tall and bony, and the small and slight.

Look at the drawings on this page and you will know, for ever, the kind of blouse you want; minor fashion points will change, but these are the basic types for you.

NO. 1 shows the type for you if you are tall and generously curved. Pick out these points in every blouse you buy: Narrow V neckline to slim your throat; plain vertical panel to flatten your front; slight vertical shirring to disguise the bust; plain, not-too-light sleeves to make as little as possible of your arms; long wrinkled cuffs to slim large wrists and flatter large hands; jumper rather than tuck-in waists to give a softer look over tummy and hips. Choose plain darkish colours—never stripes—in thin materials; not for you husky woollens, fancy cloques and the like.

NO. 2 picks out the points for the short and stocky. In addition to looking thinner, your aim is to look taller, too. Look out for: Narrow V necks or narrow square necks; plain shoulders (exaggerated shoulder width makes you look stockier still); plain sleeves with, if possible, pointed cuffs to make your arms look longer; a vertical line of buttons, embroidery or what you will down the front to give length; pointed waistcoat fronts to disguise your tummy and give a longer line. You, too, should choose darkish colours in thin fabrics, and a small broken pattern is a good idea.

NO. 3 is the one for you if you were ever called "lamp-post" or something similar. You can go all out for plaids and checks and bold patterns: they help to break your height up and disguise your thinness.

And look out for these points: sleeves fitting tightly at the wrist (wide cuffs make wrists look thinner); sleeves fitted but not too tight; high necklines—Eton collars, turtle-necks, bows and scarves; squared shoulders to "broaden" you up; panels or some interest to accent the bust; a fitted waist to make the top half look bulky in contrast; fabrics with "body" that help to fill you out—jerseys and velvets and woollens.

NO. 4 shows pointers for the small, slight woman who finds it easy to look like a schoolgirl in a blouse. You want to look plumper and to gain height at the same time. Watch out for: Vertical lines—stripes are fine—to give you length in the bodice; but see that some of the stripes go the other way to broaden you too; squared shoulders to make you look more important; high, but not too severe, necks; some of your throat should show; high-waisted blouses (have your skirts cut high) to give you a long-legged look; fairly full sleeves to round your arms out.

One of the loveliest of this season's plaids is this huge scarlet-green one used with a green-dyed moleskin jacket in this dramatic suit.

## Useful Treacle

A taste for black treacle can be acquired, and it is worth while to acquire it, for treacle is wholesome and easily digested. It consequently gives heat and energy more quickly.

There are plenty of ways of using it, on porridge and plain suet puddings, in fruit puddings, ginger bread, parkin, and other brown cakes. Treacle tart (so-called)) is generally made with golden syrup, but real treacle tart is quite as delicious. Cook the pastry case separately, then fill it with warm treacle and sprinkle the top liberally with raisins or chopped dates.

Treacle mould is a novelty that children love. Blend three flat tablespoonfuls of cornflour with a little out of five gills of milk. Bring the rest of the milk to the boil with five dessertspoonfuls of black treacle, stirring frequently. Pour over the cornflour while still boiling, return the mixture to the pan and simmer for ten minutes, stirring all the time. Pour into a wetted mould and leave in a cool place to set.

Treacle biscuits take hardly any time to make, are economical nourishing and delicious. Rub two ounces of margarine into half a pound of flour, stir in six ounces of melted treacle and mix well. Roll the paste out thinly, cut into biscuits and bake in a slow oven.

W. B.

## Spreads For Bread

BUTTER can be saved by using one of the following "spreads" in its place:—

Curd cheese, made by adding a dessert-spoonful of rennet to 1½ pint of milk brought to blood-heat. Leave in a warm place till milk turns. Put in muslin bag, tie up and hang over clean bowl for several hours, squeezing gently now and then. Add a little salt to the curds and form into pat. It should weigh a quarter of a pound. The whey can be used for mixing boiled puddings or pastry.

Chestnut butter made by boiling a pound of chestnuts, rubbing them through a wire sieve and mixing in 2 ozs. of margarine or curd cheese and salt to taste.

Walnut butter, made by mixing ¼ lb. of milled walnuts into a gill of panada (white sauce made with double usual quantities of flour and margarine).

Brazil nuts, almonds and peanuts can be used in the same way.

W. B.

## Uses For Old Towels

TOWELS, like other household goods, do not last for ever. But you need not just cut them up for rags and dusters. There are many uses in the home for old and worn towels.

To repair towels which have begun to wear, darn the worn places with three-ply wool. The wool "felts" with washing and makes a mend which will hardly show and will last for months.

When your tea-towels are wearing thin do not discard them, but select two, place them on top of each other, and machine them together all round and crosswise. In this way you form one thick towel that will last a long time.

Have you an old towel which has become badly worn in the centre? If so, cut out a circle in the middle where it is worn-out and hem the edges all round. You will find this useful if placed over your head next time you shampoo your hair.

With any old bits of towelling—or the good parts of worn ones—you can make practical cushion-covers for your bathroom stool. Pad them with folds of badly worn towelling, and button them on with bands under the stool.

Old huckaback towels can be made into guest towels if cut across the middle and then hemstitched and embroidered at one end, while the best pieces of old Turkish towels can, when required, be made into bibs for young children. They can also be cut up as face squares.

Small strips of old towelling make excellent draught protectors; neatly tack these round the windows or doors and you will be free from those icy blasts that sneak in through the cracks during winter.

L. H.

## R. A. F. Commissions From Ranks

Conditions which will govern the commissioning of airmen from the ranks during the war were announced recently by the Air Ministry. They will obtain pending the issue of a more comprehensive order.

Apart from selections for permanent commissions, which were made before the war and will be carried into effect as soon as possible, all commissions granted to airmen during the war will be tenable for the duration of hostilities only.

Such commissions will be granted to airmen serving on normal regular engagements, and commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve to airmen serving on other engagements.

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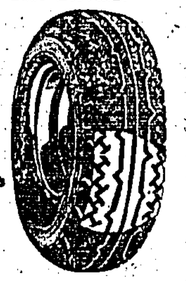

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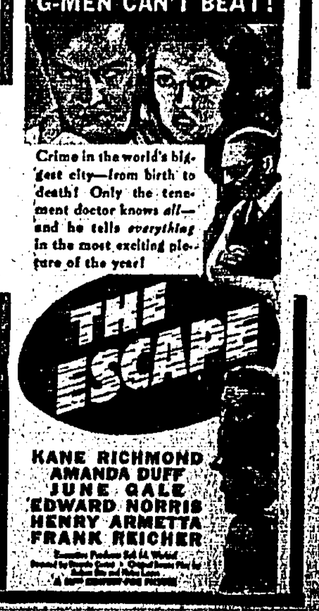

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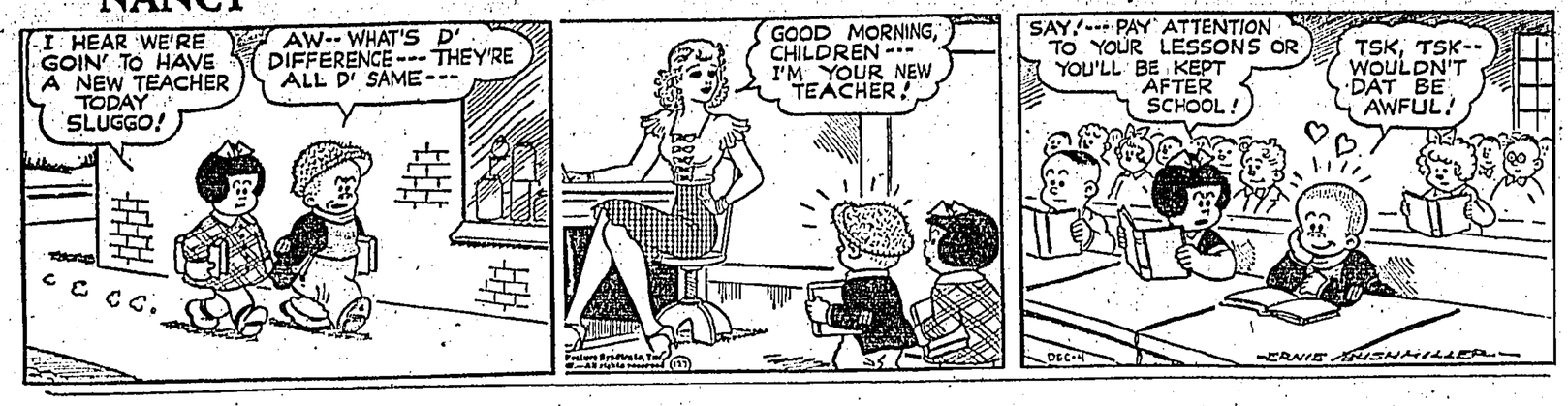


# Goodbye, Mr. Chips

## NEW MASTER

**Mr. Chipping, known affectionately as "Chips" to the boys and Masters of Brookfield School, has been ordered by the doctor to stay at home, because of a cold—the first time he had missed the first Evening Assembly of a new school in 58 years. Chips disobeys, but finds himself locked out with a new boy, son of the Duke of Dorset. When Assembly is out the older boys gather affectionately about him. A new master, Jackson, escorts Chips back to his lodging where, seated before the hearth, Chips, now 83, sees himself as a new master coming to Brookfield 58 years earlier.**

THE Brookfield Special waited at the Victoria Station, London, for its load of boys returning, or going for the first time, to that old institution of learning. Newsboys were shouting headlines from the late newspapers: "Special edition—French defeated at Sedan! Special—Emperor surrenders! Empress in flight! Special!"

Amid bustling porters, boys saying goodbye to relatives, stumbling over their bags, a harassed young schoolmaster, Bingham of Brookfield, was sorting the pupils into their seats in the train when a young, diffident man approached him.

"Are you Mr. Bingham?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I'm Chipping, the new master. Can I be of any assistance?"

"Not now—just finishing. Martin! Where's Martin!" Chipping yelled for Martin and that was all that he did to help Bingham. He was ill at ease, uncertain of himself—going to his first school as a master where he hoped to make a name for himself.

AMONG the new boys was one young fellow who, finding himself alone among a lot of strange boys, leaving home for the first time, sat looking out of the window trying hard to keep from crying. Chipping knew just how he felt—for he was feeling much the same himself. He lowered his newspaper and smiled. "Cheer up," he said with a faint smile.

That diffident encouragement was too much for the boy, and after a final struggle he burst into a flood of tears. Chips, appalled at the result of his attempt to cheer the youngster, continued: "I'm new, too. It's not easy to begin with."

The boy flung himself into the corner of the seat and gave vent to a new burst of tearful grief. Chipping made an uncertain gesture towards the boy, and became conscious of a sudden silence among the other boys, and looked furtively about.

"What did he do, Colley? Slap him?" asked a youthful voice.

"Kicked him, most likely," was the reply.

The new master withdrew behind his newspaper.

Arrived at Brookfield, Bingham accompanied Chipping to his quarters.

"I used to have this room. You'll find the draft from that window will give you a stiff neck. What are you looking for? Is something going on?"

Chipping, standing looking out at the window, said in a burst of eager enthusiasm: "Just as I imagined it! It means everything to me to come to Brookfield. I suppose you felt the same way... I'll get on. I know I will... Headmaster of Brookfield—that's something worth working for."

"Done any teaching before?" asked Bingham, grinning at his back.

Before he could reply, a school porter knocked and told him that Dr. Weatherby, the Headmaster, would see him.

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AFTER their talk, Weatherby brought Chipping into the masters' common room and introduced him to the staff.

"I want you to show Mr. Chipping the ropes—any little pointers you know. Mr. Chipping is taking Lower School to-night. Well, good night, Mr. Chipping. Any time you need to see me..."

The pointers given by his fellow instructors did not serve to banish young Mr. Chipping's nervousness at first facing a class.

"You must not let them rag you," said Masterson.

"Take a quiet look around for drawing pins in your chair," cautioned Dunbar.

"Or rat traps in your desk," added Cooper.

"Are you athletically inclined?" asked Leslie, filling his pipe. "Not that they ever become violent—"

"You mustn't take any notice of these fellows," said Masterson. "The boys are a bit restless on first night—new masters are exciting blood sport with them, but—"

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THE BELL for class rang, and Chipping made his way to Lower Form. The door was shut and inside dead silence reigned. Chipping opened the door and entered. The room was large and bare, with tall windows. It was lighted by two chandeliers of iron rings with a circle of candles.

As he stepped across the threshold, Chipping's mortar-board was whirled from his head by a thread across the doorway and flung to the floor. Amid stifled giggles came cries of: "Your hat, sir!" "You've dropped your hat!" "Oh, let me, sir!" "No, no, I'll pick it up—please, sir."

The hat, instead of being picked up and restored, was kicked out of the reach of each boy stooping to get it raising the dust on the wooden floor.

"That will do, thank you," protested Chipping. "Kindly sit down. Will you get back to your places, please!" He made grabs for the mortar-board, but always it was snatched from his outstretched hand, while, in the name of kindly helpfulness, the youthful ruffians shouted: "Not at all sir." "We're glad to help." "Morgan, give it to me!" "Here it is!" "Don't tread on it, you silly fool!"

"Do you hear what I say?" demanded Chipping, his voice getting shriller. "Go back to your seats! Sit down! Give it to me!"

"I have it, sir!" shouted young Colley, holding it up. "It's a bit battered, sir!" He banged it violently across his knee, while the boys, speaking together, interrupting each other, cried:

"You must be more careful, sir!" "Do you lose your hat very often, sir?" "That's a silly question!" "Isn't it a silly question, sir?"

"Awfully dusty," said Colley, still banging the mortar-board. "I'll fix it, sir. Won't take a second, sir!"

Colley ran to the blackboard, snatched up the chalk-permeated duster and rubbed the mortar-board vigorously, covering it with white streaks.

The new master snatched the hat. "What's your name?"

"Colley, sir."

"Go back to your place, Colley. Go back, all of you!"

"Yes, sir," virtuously chorused the boys and took their seats quietly.

"You will employ this time until six o'clock," said Chipping, "in writing an essay on the book you were given to read during the holidays. I understand this was Kingsley's 'Westward Ho!' If you are in any difficulty, I shall be pleased to answer questions."

"Oh, *thank* you, sir!" chorused the hypocrites.

Chipping surreptitiously felt the seat of his chair for pins before sinking into it. A hand was raised.

"Well, what is it?"

"Is a pencil all right, sir?"

"Of course not, you idiot!" said a neighbour.

"Who's an idiot?" demanded the first boy fiercely.

"You are, you idiot!"

"Silence! Silence. I'll have no more of it!" cried Chipping.

"No more silence, sir?" asked Cooley amid general laughter.

In a moment another hand was raised. "Who was Queen Elizabeth's husband, sir."

"She didn't have a husband. Surely, you know what she was called?"

"No, sir. What, sir?"

"The Vir — er — well, she was called — er — never mind."

"Oh, sir, please sir, please tell us, sir!" they begged.

"Go on with your work," ordered the new master.

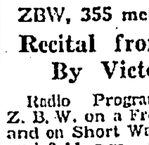
Another hand went up. "Sir, who was Cadiz?"

"Who was Cadiz?" repeated Chipping. "WHO was Cadiz? Cadiz is a town in Spain."

There was another outburst of comments from the boys. "Of course, you ass!" "Isn't he an ass, sir." "Silly, fat ass!" "Don't listen to him, sir!" "Ha! Ha! May I kick him, sir?"

"Quiet, please, quiet! I think we'll get on with our work."

"Yes, sir". "Let's, sir!"



THE climax came when a boy asked how to spell Armada. A dozen different boys answered, each spelling it a different way, shouting down the others, drowning out Chipping's voice ordering silence. Then other boys began repeating his order for silence, making more noise than the others. Then Colley and another youngster pretended to get into a fight, and soon missiles were hurtling back and forth.

"Boys, do you hear me? Sit down! Be quiet!" cried Chipping, as a piece of India rubber hit him on the cheek.

Cooley stood up in his seat. "Who did that? I'll kill him for you, sir!" He aimed a pencil box. "We must protect the master! We must protect Mr. Chipping. We'll rally 'round you, sir! Trust us, sir!"

Into the continuing pandemonium strode Dr. Weatherby, a look of horror on his face.

"What is this? What is happening? Mr. Chipping!"

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2.15 Close Down.

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Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

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**6.40 Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).**

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**7.00 London Relay—"The Old Man of the Sea."**

A play from a short story by W. W. Jacobs.

**7.30 London Relay—The News.**

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

**8.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Orchestre Napolitain.**

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**8.23 Chabrier — Cotillon — Ballet Music.**

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Doratl.

**8.40 Studio—Recital by Victor Sanders (Baritone) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.**

1. (a) Sylvia (Oley Speaks); (b) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter); (c) O Mistress Mine (Quilter); (d) Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quilter)....Victor Sanders (Baritone) 2. Piano Solo—Selected...E. O'Neil Shaw: 3. (a) Tally Ho (Leoni); (b) A Jolly Old Cavalier (Airlie Dix); (c) My Old Shako (Trotere).

**9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.**

**9.15 London Relay—News Summary.**

**9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."**

**9.45 Musical Comedy.**

**10.00 An hour of Dance Music.**

11.00 Close Down.

# C.S.C.C. Beat Kowloon C.C.

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 6.)

four, when he went round the wicket. In Lloyd's next over, however, he was bowled—it was a good off break, a bit quicker and completely beat the batsman. But for the weakness I have mentioned he had played a very good, and most useful, knock for 32.

**ANDERSON BACK**

AT 97, Anderson went on again for Baxter, who could not find a length, but Richardson completed his fifty and sent the hundred up with some strong shots to leg. In his second over Richardson hit him with the break for four, put one through the slips for the same number, was dropped at mid-wicket off a very difficult catch from a lifted shot that scored two, and was stumped next ball. 125-3-71.

It was a fine innings, and it was unfortunate that he grew impatient as a little more restraint would have given the C.S. a much better chance of getting the runs. They wanted 80 runs in fifty minutes,—quite possible with a set batsman going but not very likely otherwise, especially as they had a distinct tail!

**RUNS STILL COME**

PERRY and Colledge took the score to 148 when, the latter, hitting out at Anderson, was well caught pretty low down by extra cover running towards cover. 148-4-18. Perry then started hitting and pulled Anderson twice and Lloyd twice—the last four was a very hard chance to long on. He then cut him beautifully for a couple. 173 up and 23 minutes to go. A run later McLellan ondrove Anderson and was nicely caught on the boundary 174-5-4. Perry continued to hit wisely and not at everything, and drove Anderson over extra-cover's head, but in Lloyd's next over he was splendidly caught by Rapley running from deep midwicket. 181-6-39—a fine forcing innings.

THERE WERE only thirteen minutes left for play and the Civil seemed to have little chance except indeed of losing the game if they tried to win it. Smith however, remained to be reckoned with. He skied Anderson behind first slip for a couple. He then seemed to be dropped very low down at extra, but it was so dark I will not vouch for it. Several singles followed. Next over Lawrence scrambled a single, and Smith hit a grand four to long leg, and cut a couple to third man.

An off drive for two followed—nine to win!

Off Anderson's next over, second ball, Lawrence swung at one on the leg side and it went up to slip—apparently off his glove. Atwell hit a single—Smith off drove a two. He then cut another and took a single to extra. Two to tie, three to win!

A single to Attwell, another to Smith and last over was called, with the game a tie. Off Lloyd's first ball Smith hooked a glorious four to square leg and the game was won!

A splendid winning knock especially for a cricketer of his year—a grand game and a great marathon bit of bowling by Lloyd and Anderson. Baxter could not get going and would do better in spiked boots I think. The K.C.C. literally had no other bowling, and it was wonderful how Lloyd and Anderson stood up to it. And to think that those Civil Servants batsmen were the nuts who crawled out on Saturday. It beats me.

# New Exchange Rates Set By Bank

### Narrowing Buying & Selling Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Taking advantage of the new tighter exchange regulations which became effective to-day, the Bank of England narrowed the spread between buying and selling rates for dollars to one cent instead of two cents.

The Bank similarly adjusted its rates for French francs.

Except for Stockholm and Oslo, which remain unchanged, the Bank raised sterling against other official currencies, simultaneously narrowing the spread.

**Result Of Pressure**

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's alterations in the Bank of England's official exchange rates are viewed by banking circles as the probable result of pressure by commercial institutions who have believed for some time that the spread between the buying and selling rates are unjustifiably large.

Authoritative quarters stress that the decision will reduce the spread and is in no way connected with to-day's new regulations regarding the transfer of sterling from resident to non-resident accounts.

The new rates merely represent the return of greater normalcy in quotation such as prevailed prior to the supersession of the free market by official quotations.

**Press On War Events**

# General Staff Of Economics Is Demanded

## Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha and the economic war are the two chief topics in to-day's British Press.

Both the "Daily Herald" and the "Manchester Guardian" ask Mr. Chamberlain to lighten our darkness in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

The "Daily Herald" says that if the resignation is purely for personal reasons, the Prime Minister will have to satisfy the nation that they could not have been composed in some other way.

On the other hand, the "Times" takes a different view. There has not been one word of criticism by the Army of Mr. Hore-Belisha's reforms. It says that a more natural explanation is that a series of minor differences not concerned with the war gradually brought the Prime Minister to a point, where he felt that a change would make smoother work in the department and in the Cabinet.

**Complacent Conduct**

Both the "Manchester Guardian" and the "News Chronicle" are concerned over the too complacent conduct of the economic war. In Germany this question naturally has received most careful attention and in some quarters in Britain, amusement and satisfaction have been aroused at the state to which Germans are reduced.

An eminent authority, however, suggests that the Germans are actually consuming less than they are producing.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that against such an enemy we too must show that we are capable of great sacrifices.

**Revolutionary Changes Needed**

The ruler of Germany is the master of vast resources. All the energies of his nation have been bent to one task—that of creating military strength. The youth of Germany has been trained as never youth has been trained since the days of Sparta. Many in Britain do not realise that if we are to defeat Hitler we must be prepared for revolutionary changes and larger sacrifices, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The "News Chronicle" discusses the little attention paid by responsible Ministers to the question of conserving and using our resources.

Field Marshal Goering, the new Nazi economic dictator, is now equipped with an economic general staff. Britain needs more readiness for trying out innovations and readiness for change and sacrifice.

The journal would like to see an economic general staff for Britain.

**WESTERN FRONT**

# Calm, Except Near Vosges

## French N.C.O., Wins Two Decorations

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, the calm on the Western Front was almost universal except west of the Vosges, where two Nazi patrols were repulsed after heavy hand-to-hand fighting.

Individual acts of courage receive recognition in the official journal, in which are named 23 awards for gallantry.

One N.C.O. gets both the Military Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. His unit inflicted heavy losses on a German unit. The N.C.O. then led a counter-attack in which five prisoners were taken.

**Berlin Reports Activity**

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that there has been more lively artillery fire and reconnaissance activity on both sides on the Western Front.

It adds that enemy artillery bombarded the Perl and Upper Perl regions, and also the wide valley north-east of Ritzungen.

# STOCK EXCHANGE IS ACTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange market was initially hesitant owing to the recent political re-shuffle, but the upward movement quickly resumed under the lead of gilt-edged securities, which closed higher on a further influx of buying orders.

Indian Government bonds encountered a demand, while Far Eastern bonds were notably stronger. Wall Street was steady.

# Jewish Refugees Arrested

HAIFA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Over 800 Jewish refugees from Germany and other countries were arrested yesterday within territorial waters.

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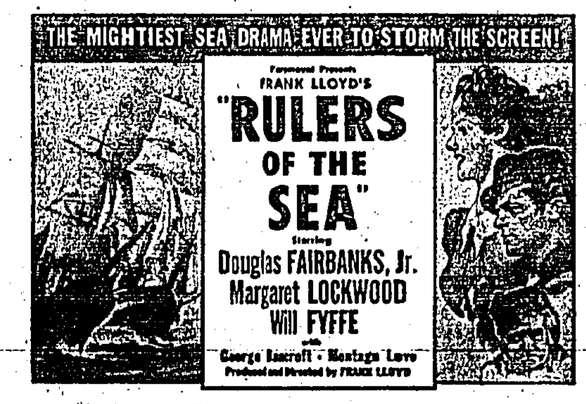


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# SHANGHAI TRIAL

## Briton To Face Murder Charge To-day

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Seaforth Highlander, David Eckford, native of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, begins a fight for his life in the British Supreme Court tomorrow when he will face a Jury on a charge of murdering Lance-Cpl. James Davis, also of the Seaforths, on November 4.

This will be the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian, Atma Singh, three years ago. Atma Singh was sentenced to death for killing a fellow Indian, but he was dramatically saved from the gallows when the rope broke while he was being hung in Ward Road Gaol. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment by the then Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and now Atma Singh is serving his term of imprisonment at Mooltan, India.

Private Eckford reserved his defence when he was committed for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing in the British Police Court early in December when an eyewitness description of the shooting was given by another Highlander, Private Stirling.

Private Stirling said that on the evening of November 4 he was on duty at a sentry post on the border of the International Settlement where Japanese-occupied territory adjoins the sector manned by British troops. Lance-Cpl. Davis was in charge of the post, which included Eckford. While on beat he noticed Eckford with a rifle levelled at Davis. About four and a half yards separated the two men. Eckford said, "I am going to shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the rifle went off. Eckford immediately handed the rifle to witness and said, "I am ready for the Sergeant now." When the rifle went off Davis fell backward. Later a duty truck arrived with a patrol under the charge of Sergeant McDonald. Eckford said, "He is dead, Sergeant. I shot him."—*Reuter.*

# For French Lines

London, Jan. 7.

Ten thousand goods wagons and 240 locomotives, costing £8,000,000, ae being built in Britain for use of those sections of the French railways operated by the British army. About £1,750,000 worth of railroad and dockside equipment has also been ordered.

The huge order will not prevent British engineers from continuing to build for overseas customers and deliveries are being guaranteed.

Among noteworthy deliveries of British-built locomotives to oversea during 1939 were six of the world's largest metre-guage locomotives for the Kenya and Uganda Railways, making possible a journey from Nairobi to Kampala, Victoria Nyanza, and back—1,100 miles without changing engines, and a specially built Diesel locomotive for a Peruvian corporation to run on the World's highest railway line near La Paz, Bolivia, which includes a six-mile climb with a gradient of one in fourteen.

Turkish railways have ordered 58 locomotives from Britain for use in Asia Minor, and large consignments of rolling stock have been ordered by Egypt and the Union of South Africa. —*British Wireless.*

# Polish Conditions

Paris, Jan. 8.

Reports from the Polish Press declare there is much unrest both in territories under German and Russian control.

In Eastern Poland, which is occupied by the Soviet, conditions are deteriorating rapidly and private trade is almost at a standstill owing to lack of supplies, while requisitioning is resulting in a big rise in the cost of living.

The farmers prefer to barter their products than to accept cash.

Soviet propaganda is so fantastic that the Poles accept it as a joke.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

## WEEK OF PRAYER

### Opening Service Attended By Many People

The first day of the Universal Week of Prayer was attended by over 70 persons at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the Rev. H. D. Rosenthall delivered a homily on "Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession."

The Cathedral was open for private prayer and meditation before and after the service, which lasted for about half an hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hongkong will be taking to-day's service which will commence at 5.30 p.m. He will take as his text: "The Increasing Church."

# French Premier Breaks Ankle

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the French Prime Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, broke his ankle in an accident on Sunday.

The announcement said that the X-ray examination disclosed that the fractured joint has been "satisfactorily restored to its correct position."

M. Daladier resumed his duties at the War Office to-day.

# BRITISH C.-IN-C. DECORATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that General Marie Gamelin and Major General Georges lunched with Mr. Winston Churchill as guests of General Viscount Gort at the British Headquarters.

General Sir Edmund Ironside was also present.

During the luncheon, General Gamelin decorated Viscount Gort and General Ironside with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Detachments of the Welsh Guards and French Zouaves formed a guard of honour.

# TRADE PARLEYS BREAK DOWN

## U.S. And Argentine Abandoned Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the United States and the Argentine have agreed to abandon completely negotiations for a trade treaty.

These negotiations broke down last week.

The State Department ascribes the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the subject of customs quotas for typical Argentinian exports such as linseed and tinned beef.

# U.S. Consul's New Appointment

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A "Reuter" report confirms this appointment.

# Eire May Have New Government

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has nominated six additional members to sit at the Council of State. They mostly belong to the Cosgrave Party.

It is seen in these nominations an indication of closer political co-operation between the Government and the Opposition parties, and some quarters even suggest that it may foreshadow a national government with the object of overcoming the present difficulties.

# TURKISH 'QUAKE RELIEF GIFT

LAHORE, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A sum of £1,500 has been collected at a public meeting in Lahore for Turkish earthquake victims.

A message of sympathy will be sent from the people of Lahore.

# HAPPY REUNION

## Schoolboy Flies From Southampton

There was a joyful reunion between son and parents at the Kai Tak Airport yesterday afternoon when the Imperial plane Delia arrived.

It was the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clemo and their 18 year-old son Fred, who flew from Southampton by Imperial Airways. He had been attending Bedford College, having left Hongkong five years ago.

Also on board were Mrs. L. M. P. Wood and her two tiny daughters who also boarded the plane at Southampton.

There was quite a gathering of friends at the Airport to give the four returning Hongkong folk a great welcome. Young Clemo was full of smiles, excited and tremendously happy as he alighted from the Delia and waved heartily to the gathering. The parents waited impatiently until Customs formalities were over, and then there was a happy meeting.

Young Clemo has the distinction of being the first schoolboy to make the air trip from England to Hongkong. He said he enjoyed every minute of it—except for a spell in Asia Minor when they had a rough passage. Otherwise the trip was uneventful and the weather delightful.

Mrs. Wood's two little girls were also very happy all the way and, according to the mother, "they had a swell time."

The Delia brought 202 kilos of mail.

# Gandhi's Admonition

Bombay, Jan. 8.

Gandhi, in his paper *Harijan*, declares that the Congress organisation shows signs of disintegration.

He continues, "The Bengal Committee is frankly defiant; Orissa is split into two camps; things are not better in Kartanan, while a correspondent in Karala says that the Provincial Committee does not believe in the present policy and the command is trying by every means to undermine the influence of the Working Committee. Things are not so rosy in the Punjab."

He continues, "I cherish the hope that they will right themselves; if not, I cannot lead an undisciplined army to victory. The fresh elections are now on. The Congressmen's choice is unfettered. Let the younger men come forward and take charge. If they will not, but still retain the old team, they should give implicit obedience."

Gandhi's criticism of Bengal, which is an elaborate and lengthy statement issued by Prasad, is interpreted in political circles as once more a clear indication of the Mahatma's anxiety to avoid precipitate action in connection with the present political situation and the Congress majority's determination to keep left wing elements in order.—*Reuter.*

## MISSION ATTACKED

### Chinese Raid Reported On Italian Catholic Church

New York, Jan. 8.

A German wireless message from Rome reports that the Italian Catholic Mission in Hanchuntu, Shensi, was attacked by 25 Chinese bombers and partly destroyed, according to a report from the Papal Institute for Foreign Missions in Milan.

The Chinese bombs hit the girls' school, invalids' home and church. Three aged Chinese who had taken refuge in the church were killed.

The same Mission was bombarded on October 25 last year by 35 Chinese planes when 100 were killed. —*United Press.*


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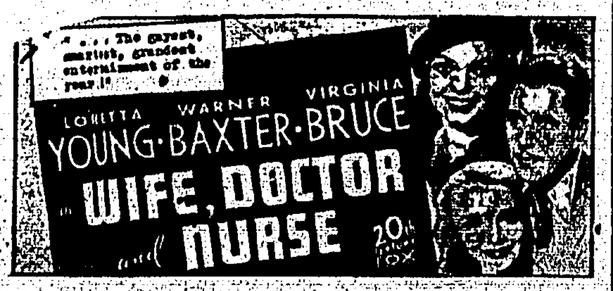


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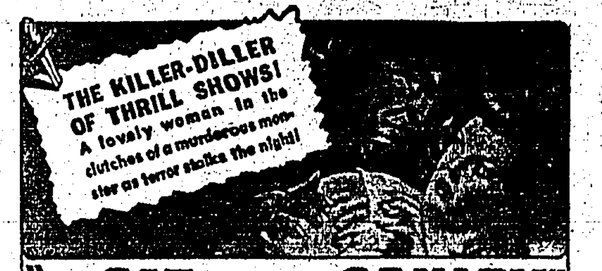


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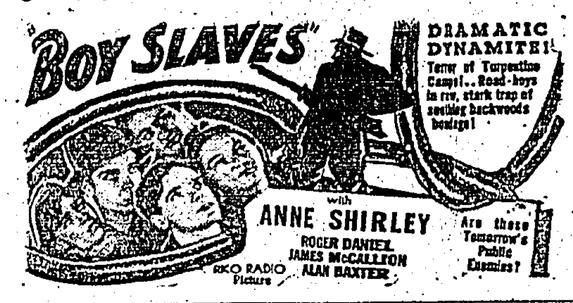


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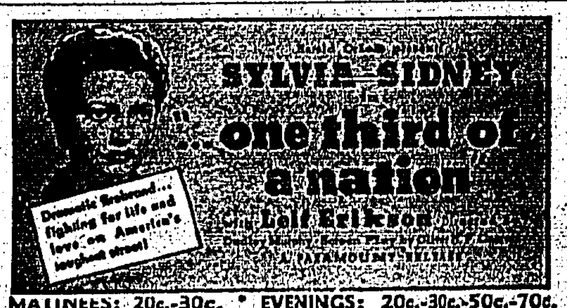


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## INDISCREET REMARK

### Japan Confident Envoy's Words Misreported

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Japanese Embassy spokesman disclosed to-day that the Japanese authorities had requested the French officials to investigate the accuracy of the reports that the French Ambassador, M. Henri Comte, in a recent speech at Chungking said China and France were in the same position, fighting an aggressor.

The spokesman said the Japanese are confident that the Ambassador of a neutral State would not make such a statement, but if it were made it would be noted with profound regret. —*United Press.*

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

The special course in First Aid to the officers of the St. John Ambulance will re-open to-day at 6 p.m. at Headquarters. All officers of the Brigade are expected to attend.

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## Abe Government Believed on Verge of Resignation

# JAPANESE TOTTERING CABINET TO DOOM

TOKYO GOVT. CRISIS AGAIN LOOMS

## New Political Crisis Arises In Tokyo As Militarists Present Their "Decision"

TOKYO, JAN. 9 (UP).—THE SHORT-LIVED ABE CABINET IS BELIEVED TO BE TOTTERING TO ITS DOOM.

THE CABINET IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

The crisis has arisen over internal affairs.

It is thought possible that a political Cabinet will be formed in an attempt to achieve a compromise between the various parties and the military clique.

### Premier Sees War Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—The Premier, General Abe, has been informed of the Army's views on the current political situation by the War Minister, General Hata.

General Abe subsequently saw the Minister to discuss the situation further.

General Hata is believed to have re-affirmed the Army's united views, and has asked the Premier to use "discretion" in coping with the situation.

### Japanese Army Won't Leave

PEIPING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The status of the North China regime would be the same even after the formation of the proposed Central regime, declared the Japanese Army spokesman here yesterday.

This spokesman added that the North China army was convinced that they must aid the formation of the new regime.

There is no possibility of the withdrawal of the Japanese Army from China, at least for the time being, the spokesman added.

There will be a special status provided for Mongolia and North China under the projected government.

## BOYCOTT URGED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).—Democratic and peace-loving nations were urged to-day to institute a boycott of Japan as a means of accelerating the breakdown of the Japanese military machine in China.**

**The appeal was made by Mr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to Washington.**

**An effective embargo on the export of war materials to Japan would, he declared, quickly end the war.**

**Mr. Hu said that the Chinese people would fight until Japan was so economically exhausted and her military machine so bogged down that she would be willing to accept a durable peace.**

## EFFECT OF WAR ON HONGKONG

### Hard To Predict Says H.E. The Governor

"THE probable effect on the Colony of the European conflict is at present very hard to predict."

This statement was made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, in a Christmas message to the "Crown Colonist," published in London.

**"Though far removed from the scene of war, we recognise that it is our duty to do everything in our power to aid the King against his enemy and to take our share of the burden which the British and French peoples are bearing in the cause of liberty and peace." Sir Geoffry adds.**

### Not Forgotten

At the same time, his message says, the responsibilities of this Colony towards its own people and the people of the neighbouring territory have not been forgotten.

The provision of 14 infant welfare centres in Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories has been taken in hand, and a new industrial school has recently been opened in the New Territories. Chinese war refugees to the number of 6,815, and 740 interned Chinese soldiers, are being accommodated in seven camps in Hongkong and the New Territories. In addition, an arrangement has been made whereby the students of Lingnam University, Canton, can continue their studies at Hongkong University under their own professors and lecturers, and it is proposed to re-established the Lingnam University Middle School on a site in the New Territories.

### Confident Of Future

In 1914-1918 there was a great increase of prosperity, due to the peaceful condition of China, and the purchasing power of the Hongkong dollar was enhanced by the rise in the price of silver on which it was then based. These two factors are absent to-day, but in view of the remarkable resiliency displayed by the Colony during the very difficult two years just completed I am confident that the economic structure of the Colony will adapt itself to the present changed conditions.

## JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS

### More Concessions To Puppets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (UP).—Japan, according to authoritative sources, has now modified its stand against Wang Ching-wei's demands.

The Government, it is stated, is now willing to pledge that all Japanese troops will be withdrawn from South and Central China within two years of the signing of peace.

This point previously blocked all negotiations between the Japanese and Wang Ching-wei.

The basis upon which Japan is now prepared to end hostilities in China is believed to be as follows:

1.—Nationalisation of all railways in China;
2.—Retention of Japanese troops in North China and Inner Mongolia;
3.—Recognition by China of the "Independence" of Manchukuo;
4.—Anti-Comintern alliance between Japan, China and Manchukuo;
5.—Joint economic development and exploitation of China's natural resources.

### New Puppet Regime

It is believed that Wang Ching-wei has blocked Japan's proposal for a special sphere of influence in Shanghai, Hangchow and Nanking.

Wang Ching-wei is expected to confer with puppet leaders in Nanking and Peiping on January 15, and it is stated that a puppet Kuomintang Government will be established immediately afterwards, in order to enter peace negotiations with Japan.

### Premier Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—Premier Abe was received in audience by the Emperor in the Imperial Palace at 1 p.m.

The Premier submitted a report to the Throne on yesterday's Cabinet decision regarding the proposed new "Central Government" of China.

## U.S. Consul's New Appointment

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A "Reuter" report confirms this appointment.

### "A Great Honour"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (UP).—"I consider it an honour to be appointed first U.S. Minister to Canberra, a country in which I have always had a great interest as one of the great Democratic members of the British Commonwealth," said Mr. Gauss, when informed of his appointment this morning.

"I look forward to this opportunity of forging still stronger those bonds of friendship already existing between the peoples of the United States and Australia."

## World In Bad Shape

### Says Roosevelt To Party Colleagues

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—"The people of the United States recognise two facts to-day. The first is that the world outside our hemisphere is really in bad shape," declared President Roosevelt, speaking at the annual "$100 Plate" dinner of the Democratic Party to-night. (The function derives its name from the $100 Party members pay to attend).

"This is not a matter for pessimism or optimism but a matter for realism. It is a fact so big that few people have grasped the meaning—it is so big in its effect on the future of the world that all our little partisan squabbles are shameful in the light of it.

"The second fact is that we have made great gains at home in our economic prosperity and in the security of individual citizens."

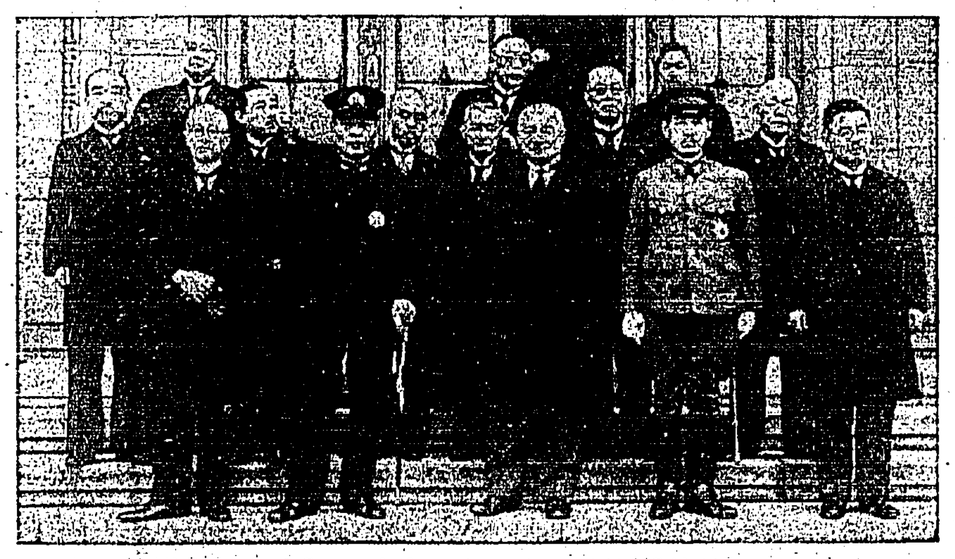
## Pro-Totalitarian Envoy Retired

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—The cleavage between Germany and Japan as a result of the signing of the Russo-German Pact is further emphasised by the "retirement" of Mr. T. Shiratori, outgoing Japanese Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Shiratori has been relieved of his post and has been placed on the "waiting list."

During his tenure of office Mr. Shiratori co-operated with General Oshima, former Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, in connection with the proposals for the conclusion of a military alliance between Japan, Italy and Germany.



A recent photograph of General Abe and members of his Cabinet.

## THE BBC TELLS A JOKE!

THE B.B.C. IS BECOMING KITTENISH!

This is the joke Daventry broadcast at the end of the 7.15 p.m. News Bulletin last night.

It concerns an advertisement appearing in London's newspapers.

*The tabby cat and her kitten are sitting in front of a bright coal fire.*

*"Mummy," asks the kitten, "does Hitler use Coalite?"*

*"Good heavens, no," replied the mummy-cat. "Why do you ask?"*

*"Well, they say that you can get more scuttles to the ton with Coalite!"*

## ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

### Soldier — Internees Battle With Police

**CONSIDERABLE RETICENCE is being maintained by the police regarding a riot which occurred in the new internment camp for Chinese soldiers in Argyle Street yesterday afternoon.**

**Although official circles will give no information the "Telegraph" understands that, as a result of the riots, two Indian police officers and several Chinese internees are in Kowloon hospital, suffering from injuries.**

**It is stated that the disturbance became so general that the emergency unit had to be called out to quell it.**

**The "Telegraph" understands that the disturbance occurred when a European officer attempted to arrest an internee who was guilty of an infraction of the camp rules.**

**The European was mobbed by a number of the internees and was able to extricate himself from a dangerous position only by drawing his revolver and summoning the guard.**

**In the general melee that followed, internees used their bed boards as weapons and the disorders ended only after the guards and extra police had made several baton charges.**

**It is understood that several alleged ringleaders were arrested last night after "lights out."**

**The internees, who number over 700 and who were interned when they laid down their arms in British territory in 1937, were only recently removed to the more commodious internment camp in Argyle Street from the Mataukok Camp.**

### Sequel In Court

Although police officials, when interviewed by the "Telegraph" this morning, refused to admit that the rioting in the Argyle Street camp was anything more than "a slight disturbance", and would vouchsafe no further information, it was admitted in Court later that the rioting, as

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## Churchill Named As New Premier

# CHAMBERLAIN TO QUIT OFFICE?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, JAN. 8 (DOMEI).—POLITICAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE CHAMBERLAIN CABINET WILL FACE A CRISIS WHEN PARLIAMENT RE-CONVENES ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK.

Public criticism of the "dismissal" of Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister for War, is becoming increasingly bitter.

**Some political circles believe that Mr. Chamberlain will resign, and will be succeeded by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill.**

These circles state that if Mr. Chamberlain resigns, Mr. Churchill will inaugurate an Imperial Defence Ministry, in which the Navy, Army and Air Force will be co-ordinated.

Mr. Chamberlain formed his Cabinet on May 28, 1937, following the retirement of Lord Baldwin.

Mr. Winston Churchill was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty on September 3.

### Hore-Belisha Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Discussing Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation, the "Evening Standard" bluntly charges that it came about as a result of his rebuke of a senior officer.

This aroused resentment among the higher ranks as the junior ranks knew about it.

Also, says "Evening Standard," Mr. Hore-Belisha had differences of opinion with General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, over the state of the defence in the British lines in France.

## TWO SOLDIERS DETAINED

### Sequel To Waterloo Road Incident

Pte. Paul Riley, and Pte. E. Stewart, of the "A" Company, Royal Scots, have been detained by the Military Police following the incident at the residence of Mr. T. B. Wilson at No. 143 Waterloo Road on Sunday morning.

The two soldiers were alleged to have been found in one of the bedrooms, and after they had been turned out two watches were found missing.

PARIS, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Seven soldiers were killed and 19 were injured in a train accident near Orly on Saturday. The soldiers were going home on leave.

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

### 25 Per Cent. Increase Urged For U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Because the international situation "in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions presents a threat of world conflagration," Admiral Stark, Chief of Operations, appearing before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, urged Congress to approve the $1,300,000,000 increase in the U.S. Fleet.

Admiral Stark testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action towards increasing the strength of the Fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak position."

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# 35,000-ton Ships for Hongkong

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Two new 35,000-ton passenger liners which are among 40 to 50 new vessels to be constructed by the American Government during the current year, are to be placed on service between San Francisco and Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila when completed.**

This announcement was made by an official of the U.S. Maritime Commission to-day.

The remainder of the projected fleet will be composed of cargo ships, although the Government may place contracts later in the year for two similar passenger ships for the South American service.

The new 35,000-ton liners will be constructed so that, in the event of war, they can be immediately converted into aircraft-carriers.

## LATEST

## $21,000,000 Spent On Relief

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Central).—The National Relief Commission spent $21,000,000 for refugee relief during 1939, according to Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the Commission. A large part of the money was spent on labour relief projects.

The prolongation of the war has changed the activities of the Commission from urgent to productive relief.

See Back Page For Further Late News

## BIG BRITISH LINER FIGHTS OFF U-BOAT

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 9, (Reuter).—The British liner Highland Patriot (14,000-tons), which arrived at Rio on January 6, has reported that she was attacked by a U-Boat during her voyage across the Atlantic.**

Three torpedoes were fired by the Nazi submarine—all missed their target.

The U-Boat then came to the surface and fired repeatedly at the Highland Patriot.

The British ship returned the fire and a running battle, which lasted over two hours, ensued.

The submarine finally gave up the fight.

One Portuguese passenger aboard the British liner was killed by a shell splinter.

### Evades Two Torpedoes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Royal Mail liner, Highland Patriot, 14,000 tons, has arrived here safely after a running fight with a U-boat.

The ship was attacked by the submarine which fired two torpedoes. Both missed.

The ship's guns were promptly manned and the gunners continued firing when conditions permitted for some two hours.

### British Ship Mined

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The British steamer Cedrington Court, 5,100 tons, sank in ten minutes after an explosion occurred off the southeast coast last Sunday. The entire crew of 36 were saved.

One deckboy was blown 20 feet into the air, fracturing a leg. He was taken to hospital.

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## ARGYLE ST. RIOTING

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stated by the "Telegraph" was of a serious nature.

Two of the ringleaders were brought before Mr. E. Himsworth, the Kowloon Magistrate, on charges of disorderly conduct. They were sent to prison.

"You might find life in the camp monotonous, but that is no reason for inciting the other inmates to cause rioting," said the Magistrate, in sentencing Nam Tak-fu, 27, and Lo Kuen-tung, 30, to two months' and three weeks' hard labour respectively.

Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P., prosecuted.

### Swore And Shouted

Nam, he said, refused an order from the O.I.C. of the camp to report to his office.

"He swore and shouted at the O.I.C., and within a few seconds a serious riot had started," Mr. Thompson said.

"About twenty or thirty of the internees used their bed-boards as weapons.

"A large number of the internees were in a very aggressive mood and before the police could remonstrate with them they had started another riot.

"On instructions, the police charged the men with their batons.

"A general clash ensued before the rioting was quelled.

"Two internees and a police constable were removed to the Kowloon Hospital."


## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## Exchange At A Glance

**SELLING**

| | |
|---|---|
| T.T. London | 1/2 13/16 |
| Demand do. | 1/2 13/16 |
| T.T. Shanghai | 290 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52½ |
| T.T. Japan | 103 |
| T.T. India | 82⅛ |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 24⅝ |
| T.T. Manila | 48¾ |
| T.T. Batavia | 45⅝ |
| T.T. Bangkok | 150¼ |
| T.T. Saigon | 108¼ |
| T.T. France | 10.85 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 107¼ |
| T.T. Australia | 1/6⅝ |

**BUYING**

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 m/s L/c London | 1/3.5/32 |
| 4 m/s D/P Do. | 1/3.9/32 |
| 4 m/s L/C U.S.A. | 25⅛ |
| 4 m/s France | 11.40 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02½ |
| U.S. Cross rate in N. Y. | 3.95 |

## MOLOTOFF MAY VISIT BERLIN

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—It is expected that M. Molotoff will visit Berlin early in January in return for Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to Moscow, according to the French radio's Polish bulletin.

## Australian Not To Be Deported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Miss Frances Perkins, the Secretary of Labour, has cancelled the warrant for the deportation of Mr. Harry Bridges.

Bridges was recently cleared of charges of being a member of the Communist Party.

## POST OFFICE

**INWARD MAILS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Shanghai | Jan. 9. |
| Straits | Jan. 9. |
| Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 3rd January. | Jan. 10. |
| Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November) | Jan. 10. |
| Java and Manila | Jan. 10. |
| Manila | Jan. 10. |
| Manila | Jan. 10. |
| Rabaul and Manila. | Jan. 10. |
| Shanghai | Jan. 10. |
| Shanghai | Jan. 10. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | Jan. 10. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 3rd. January | Jan. 11. |
| Haiphong | Jan. 11. |
| Japan | Jan. 11. |
| Shanghai | Jan. 11. |
| U.S.A., and Manila (San Francisco date, 9th Dec. 1939) | Jan. 11. |
| Canton | Jan. 12. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Jan. 12. |
| Manila | Jan. 12. |
| Shanghai | Jan. 12. |
| Canton | Jan. 13. |
| Calcutta and Straits | Jan. 13. |
| Sandakan | Jan. 13. |
| Shanghai | Jan. 13. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Jan. 14. |

**OUTWARD MAILS**

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

Manila ....4.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. ....Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. ....Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 15th Jan.

K.P.O.
Reg. ....Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. ....Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. ....Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

Japan ....7.00 p.m.
Saigon ....7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

Swatow ....10.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ....Jan. 10, 11.00 a.m.
Ord., ....Jan. 10, Noon.

Haiphong ....2.00 p.m.

Parcels only for Tientsin ..2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Province only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 18th January.

K. P. O.
Reg., ....Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ....Jan. 10, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.
Reg., ....Jan. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Ord., ....Jan. 10, 7.00 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

Parcels only for Straits ....9.30 a.m.

Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa ....2.30 p.m.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The week has opened with an air of steadiness, enquiries continue on a moderately fair scale.

**Buyers**

H.K. Bank $1,380
Canton Ins. $205
Union Ins. $440
Douglas $72
Docks $21.90
Providents $4.65
Hotels $5.85
Lands $33¼
Realties $4.40
Tramways $17½
Yaumati Ferries $23¾
China Lights (Old) $7.65
Electrics $55
Sandakan Lights $11¼
Telephones (Old) $24½
Telephones (New) $9.30
Cements $17.90
Ropes $6.10
Dairy Farms (Old) $22¼
Dairy Farms (New) $21¼
Watsons $9.20
Entertainments $6¾
Constructions (Old) $1¾

**Sellers**

China Underwriters $1¼
Providents $4.80
Hotels $5.95
Electrics $50
Telephones (Old) $25
Cements $18.05
Ropes $6½
Watsons $9.60

**Sales**

H.K. Bank $1,400
Wharves $102
Docks $22
Providents $4.00/.65
Hotels $5.90/.95
Tramways $17½
China Lights (Old) $7.70
China Lights (New) $4.70
Electrics $54.00/55½
Telephones (Old) $25
Cements $17.95/18
Ropes $6¼
Watsons $9.40

**Manila Gold Shares**

| | Ps. | |
|---|---|---|
| Atoks | 21 | s |
| Antamok | 17 | s |
| Baguio Gold | 22½ | s |
| Batong Buhay | 015 | s |
| Big Wedge | 23 | b |
| Coco Grove | 16 | s |
| Con. Mines | 0035 | s |
| Demonstration | 12 | s |
| East Mindanao | 11½ | s |
| I. X. L. | 40 | s |
| Ipo Gold | 14 | s |
| Itogon Mining | 30 | s |
| Mambulao Con. | 017 | s |
| Masbate Con. | 12 | s |
| Mind. Motherlode | 09½ | s |
| Mine Operation | 11½ | s |
| Paracale Gumaus | 18½ | s |
| San Mauricio | 02 | s |
| Surigao Con. | 21 | s |
| Suyoc Con. | 13½ | s |
| Syndicate Inv. | 020 | s |
| United Paracale | 33½ | s |

INDICATIVE OF THE EXTENT of China's "scorched earth policy," which aims at leaving nothing for the Japanese in the conquered area, this photograph shows the deliberate damage done to the main highway between Nanning and Pakhoi. The road is absolutely impassable to all traffic. The Japanese caption to this photograph states that the destruction was carried out by "considerable engineering skill". —*South China Photo Service.*

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

| | |
|---|---|
| **BANKS** | |
| H.K. Banks, $ | 1,400 b. & sa. |
| H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ | 85 n. |
| H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £ | 87 n. |
| Chartered £ | 6¾ n. |
| Mercantile, A. & B. £ | 28⅞ n. |
| Mercantile, C. £ | 11¾ n. |
| East Asia $ | 73 n. |
| **INSURANCES** | |
| Canton $ | 205 b. |
| Union $ | 440 b. |
| China Undewriter $ | 1¼ s. |
| H.K. Fire $ | 185 n. |
| **SHIPPING** | |
| Douglases $ | 72 b. |
| Steamboats $ | 11 n. |
| Indo-Chinas P.$ | 100 b. |
| Indo-Chinas D$ | 80 b. |
| Shell (Bearers) s/- ex div. | 77/6 n. |
| Waterboats $ | 7½ n. |
| **DOCKS ETC.** | |
| Wharves $ | 102 sa. |
| Docks $ | 22.00 sa |
| Providents $ | 4.80 s. |
| New Eng. Sh. | 19.80 n. |
| Sh. Docks Sh. $ | 240 n. |
| **MINING** | |
| Kailan s/- | 18/- n. |
| Raubs $ | 10.10 n. |
| Venz Gold $ | 4 n |
| H.K. Mines $ | 4 cts. n. |
| **LANDS** | |
| Hotels $ | 5.90/.95 sa. |
| Lands $ | 33¼ b. |
| Lands 4% Deb. $ | 100 n. |
| S'hai Lands Sh. $ | 15¼ n. |
| Humphreys $ | 8.00 n. |
| H.K. Realties $ | 4.40 b. |
| Chinese Estates $ | 101 n. |
| **UTILITIES** | |
| Trams $ | 17.50 b & sa. |
| Peak Trams (old) $ | 8 n. |
| Peak Trams (new) $ | 4 n |
| Star Ferries $ | 68½ n. |
| Y. Ferries $ | 23¾ b. |
| China Lights (old) $ | 7.60/.70 sa. |
| China Lights (new) $ | 4.75 b. |
| H.K. Electrics | 56 s. |
| Macao Electrics $ | 18½ n. |
| Sandakan Lights | 11.25 b. |
| Telephones (old) $ | 25 sa. |
| Telephones (new) $ | 9.40 b. |
| Tractions s/- | 18/3 n. |
| Tractions (Pref.) s/- | 18/9 n. |
| **INDUSTRIALS** | |
| Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $ | 14.90 n. |
| Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $ | 13 n. |
| Canton Ices $ | 1 n |
| Cements $ | 17.95/18.00 sa. |
| H.K. Ropes $ | 6.00/6.25 sa. |
| **STORES, &c.** | |
| Dairy Farms (old) $ | 22.25 b. |
| Dairy Farms (new) $ | 21¼ b. |
| Watsons $ | 9.25 b. |
| Lane, Crawfords $ | 7½ n. |
| Sinceres $ | 1.80 n. |
| Wing On (H.K.) $ | 41 n |
| Powell, Ltd. $ | 1 n |
| **COTTON MILLS** | |
| Ewo Sh. $ | 30.25 n. |
| S'hai Cotton Sh. $ | 156 n. |
| Zoong Sing, Sh. $ | 44 n. |
| Wing On Textiles, Sh. $ | 48½ n. |
| **MISC.** | |
| H.K. Entertainments $ | 6¾ b. |
| Constructions (old) $ | 1.75 b. |
| Constructions (new) $ | 1 n |
| Vibro Piling $ | 8½ n |
| Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds | 49% n. |
| H.K. Govt. 4% Loan | 100 n. |
| H K. Govt. 3½% Loan | 97½ n. |
| Marsmans (Lon.) s/- | 15/- n. |
| Marsmans (H.K.) s/- | 4/- n. |

**MANILA SHARES**

Following are sales and bid prices:

| | Jan. 8. Afternoon Closing | Jan. 9. Morning | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Antamok | .17 | .16 | B |
| Atok | .21 | .20 | B |
| Baguio Gold | .22½ | .20½ | |
| Batong Buhay | .015 | .014 | |
| Benguet Cons. | Unq. | Unq. | |
| Big Wedge | .23 B | .23 | |
| Coco Grove | .16 | .15¼ | |
| Cons. Mines | .0035 | .0033 | |
| Demonstration | .12 | .10¾ | B |
| East Mindanao | .11½ | .11½ | |
| I.X.L. | .40 | .39 | |
| Ipo Gold | .14 | .13 | B |
| Itogon Mining | .30 | .30½ | |
| Mambulao Cons. | .017 | Unq. | |
| Masbate Cons. | .12 | .11½ | |
| Mind. Motherlode | .09½ | .09 | |
| Mine Operations | .11½ | .11 | |
| North Camarines | Unq. | .16 | |
| Paracale Gumaus | .18½ B | .19 | |
| San Mauricio | .02 | .00 | |
| Surigao Cons. | .21 | .21½ | |
| Suyoc Cons. | .13½ | .13½ | |
| Syndicate Invest. | .020 | .025 | B |
| United Paracale | .33½ | .33 | |

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market closed uneasy after a period of uncertain trading. Prices were down from fractions to two centavos.

United Paracale, Coco Grove and Masbate were among those fractionally down, while Baguio Gold and San Mauricio lost two centavos.

## Russians Abandon Colossal Booty

# AMAZING CLAIMS BY FINNISH H.Q.

**HELSINGFORS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A communique claims that the Finns scored a striking victory in destroying a Soviet division on the road from Suomussalmi to the Soviet frontier.**

Besides 1,000 prisoners, the Finns captured much material, including tanks and armoured cars.

The communique states that in the recent fighting, the main object has been to repulse the 44th Russian Division, and this has now been achieved, the enemy's main forces having been destroyed.

The booty captured include 102 guns, 43 tanks, 10 armoured cars, aeroplanes, 278 motor vehicles of various kinds, over 1,000 horses and 47 field kitchens.

### Suicide Squads

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Russian defeat is said to be due largely to the use of great quantities of material taken from the Russian 163rd Division, which was cut to pieces on the same front a week ago.

The victory was made possible by suicide squads which destroyed the railway between Suomussalmi and Uhtua, virtually starving the Russians.

The latter became stuck in the marshy ground near Parsamonselk and made a vain attempt to dig themselves in, surrounded by masses of mechanised material.

The Finns brought aircraft into play and dispersed the Russian concentrations.

Many Russian tanks were sunk or wedged in the ice when the frozen surface of Lake Vuokkijaervi was bombed. Hundreds of soldiers were drowned.

**The Russians were slaughtered with Russian machine-guns and artillery, and bombed with Russian bombs dropped from Russian planes—all captured by the Finns a few days previously.**

### Russian Communique

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (UP).—To-day's communiqnue says: "Nothing important on the front."

"At Ukhta, Repola and Petroavodsk, there were activities of scouting patrols. On the Karelian Isthmus there were activities of the scouts, rifle, machinegun and artillery firing.

"Owing to unfavourable weather conditions the Soviet aviation was only reconnoitring."

### Question Evaded

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (UP).—An authorised source refused to answer a specific question as to whether or not Germany has held up shipments of Italian planes to Finland "as a general principle."

Germany reserves the right to halt such shipments across her territory.

It is unconfirmedly reported that crates containing Italian planes have been held here and returned to Italy.

### More Volunteers

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Groups of volunteers, including undergraduates, are leaving Sweden almost daily for Finland.

The Volunteer Recruiting Bureau is considering training dog sleigh teams for the Arctic front.

## Belgium To Call Up Unemployed

BRUSSELS, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The Cabinet has decided to call to the colours 8,000 unemployed.

The possibility is envisaged of demobilising 7,500 men with three or more children.

It is also decided to authorise the extension of working hours except where unemployed can be engaged.

## ROME AID FOR FINNS THWARTED

### Nazis Holding Up Aeroplanes

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Germany now admits having stopped Italian aeroplanes from proceeding through to Finland.

According to an "Associated Press" correspondent, Italian planes were sent by rail to a Baltic port, their destination being Finland. The number is not known but there are a number of Italian railway cars at that port.

### Soviet Pressure On Nazis

The Nazi attitude seems to have been determined by Soviet pressure.

The Nazi Government would not be able to co-operate with its Italian Axis partner in aiding Finland without violent objections from the new ally—Soviet Russia.

### Stopped In Transit

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A large quantity of war material destined for Finland was stopped in transit by Germany, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Belga" agency.

At first sight, the material seems to have originated from Italy.

So far German circles have given no political or legal justification for this seizure.

### U.S. To Aid Direct

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The United States Government has notified the League of Nations that she prefers to extend aid to Finland direct rather than through any general co-operative scheme.

This is in reply to a League of Nations Communication asking the nations of the world how far they would go in the matter.

## ADMIRAL WANTS MORE WARSHIPS

FROM PAGE ONE

Admiral Stark's testimony indicates that the expansion programme has been revised, since it was first announced, to provide some larger ships than originally contemplated.

Hearing of the expansion programme opened with a brief preliminary statement by Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary for the Navy, who declared that he believed that the proposed 25 per cent. increase of the Fleet's size was needed "in view of the international situation."

### 107 New Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Admiral Stark, who testified before the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, said that other nations were building warships rapidly.

"The United States will be a relatively weak naval power unless Congress authorises further construction," he warned.

Admiral Stark supported the 25 per cent. increase in tonnage and a total of 6,000 planes for the naval air arm as authorised by the Vinson Bill.

He said that the Bill would at a cost of $1,300,000,000 provide 107 new ships, including 30 auxiliary vessels.

The Admiral's testimony followed a brief statement by Secretary for the Navy Mr. Charles Edison, asking for enactment of the Bill "in view of the grave international situation."

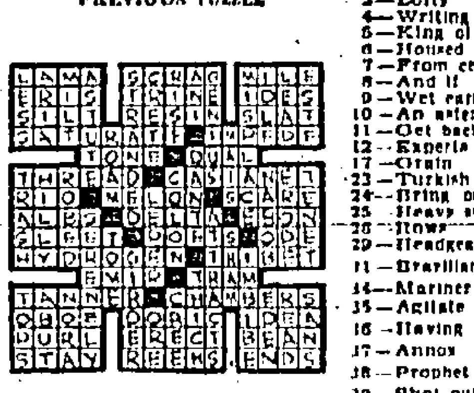
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

**ACROSS**

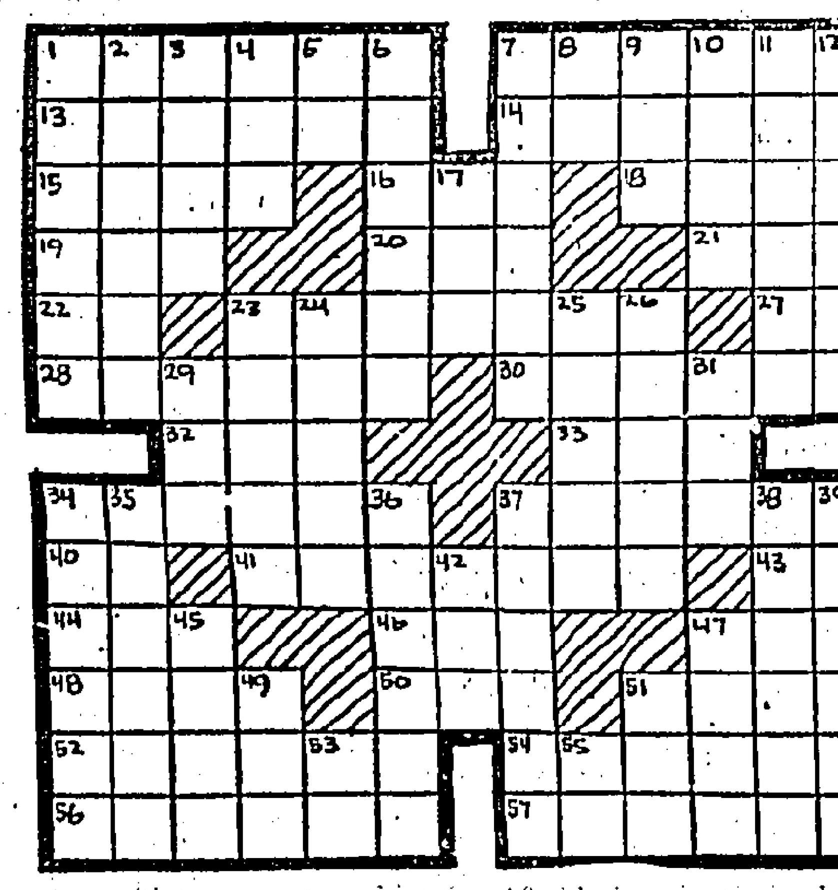
1—Healing substance
7—Device for taking pictures
13 Kind of fruit
14 Steeled
15 Japanese product
16 Drunkard
18 Venetian ruler
19 The sun
20 Navy sailor
21 Tree juice
22 Urban railway (slang)
23 Very pious person
27 Pursuer in "tag"
28 Support a proposal
30 Grave markers
32 Curve
33 Stinging insect
34 Partition
37 Punctuation mark
40 Chopping tool
41 Rubbers
43 Rachel (abbr.)
44 Frozen water
46 Distress signal
47 Distant
48 Bagging
50 Deprecating exclamation
51 Religious group
52 Inactive
54—Thrust stabs through
56—Perused again
57—Make loud sound

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



**DOWN**

1—Lessenings
2—Kind of bird
3—Lofty
4—Writing fluid
5—King of Bashan
6—Housed
7—From certain fruits
8—And if
9—Wet earth
10—An asteroid
11—Get back
12—Experts
17—Grain
23—Turkish government
24—Bring on self
25—Heavy sword
26—Rows
29—Headgear
31—Brazilian coin
34—Mariner
35—Agitate
36—Having masts
37—Annoy
38—Prophet
39—Shot out suddenly
42—French coin
45—Oriental ruler
47—Terror
49—American writer
51—Watering place
53—Continent (abbr.)
55—Month (abbr.)

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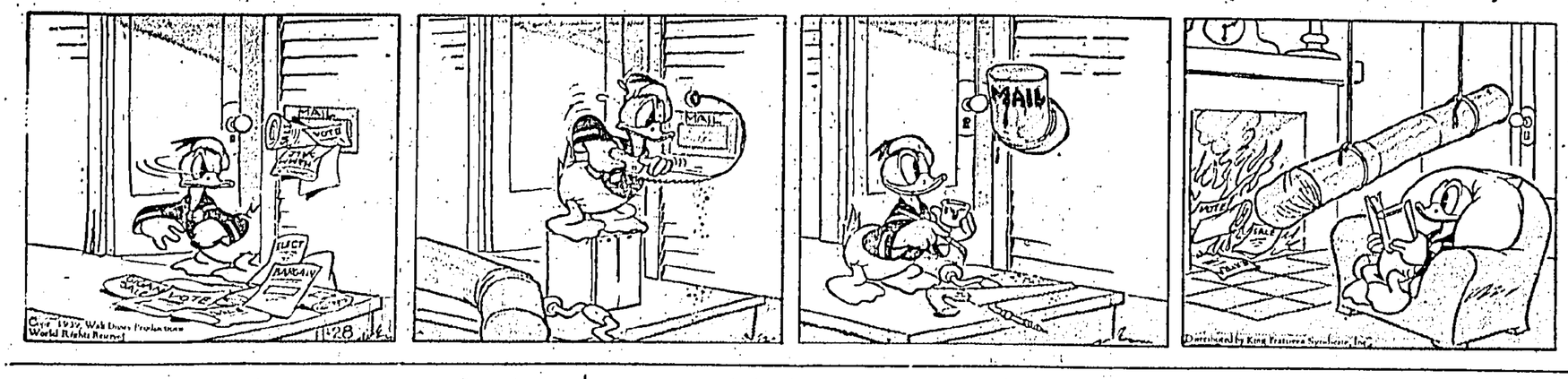


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# THESE ARE THE SONGS THEY ARE SINGING AT HOME

Novelty dance numbers, which considerably enlivened last year's Christmas and New Year festivities, and swing music, say Hongkong bandleaders, will be the vogue this season.

Of the novelty dance numbers, bandleaders select the Boomps-a-Daisy and that old favourite, the Palais Glide.

Already a popular item in many places, the Boomps-a-Daisy has not yet become a "hit" at the cabarets, although the dance was introduced to Hongkong some time ago by Dave Harvey, the popular entertainer at the "Gripps" who is now in Manila.

Cabaret managements, however, have optimistic views that the number will be popularised before the festivities begin.

An old war-time favourite, the Valeta, will come into prominence this year, according to a bandleader's predictions. It has already gained popularity in the past few weeks.

**The latest song hit of the present war, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," will take its place beside songs of the last war, such as "Tipperary," and "Pack Up Your Troubles."**

Many people have already become acquainted with the words of 'Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," for the verses are "boarded" every time the tune is played at the Hongkong Hotel.

Another very popular tune of the present war which has already been heard in Hongkong on the radio, "Wish-Me-Luck-As-You-Wave-Me Goodbye," is expected to be popularised in Hongkong by the New Year.

Two other tunes now popular in Great Britain, "Run, Rabbit, Run," and "Nasty Uncle Adolf," are expected to become favourites in Hongkong shortly.

Words to the novelty number tune, the Boomps-a-Daisy, "Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line," and Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye," are:

### The Boomps-a-Daisy

*Clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*I like a bustle that bends,*
*Clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*What is a boomp between friends?*
*Clap hands, now don't be lazy,*
*Let's make the party a wow,*
*Now then, clap hands, slap knees and boomps-a-daisy,*
*Turn to your partner and bow,*
*Bow-wow, bow, bow-wow.*

### Hanging Out The Washing On The Siegfried Line

*Mother dear I'm writing you from Somewhere in France,*
*Hoping this finds you well,*
*Sergeant says I'm doing fine,*
*"A soldier and a half,"*
*Here's a song that we'll all sing,*
*It'll make you laugh.*
Chorus:
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*Have you any dirty washing mother dear?*
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,*
*Cos the washing day is here.*
*Whether the weather may be wet or fine,*
*We'll just rub along without a care,*
*We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line.*
*If the Siegfried Line's still there.*

### Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Good-bye

*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye;*
*Cheerio here I go on my way.*
*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye,*
*With a cheer, not a tear, make it gay.*
*Give me a smile I can keep all the while,*
*In my heart while I'm away,*
*Till we meet once again you and I,*
*Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye.*

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# Illegal Immigrants

## Authorities Issue New Warning

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—Reports have reached London that certain shipping agencies are engaged in organised transport of emigrants to Palestine.

There is reason to believe that intending emigrants are unaware that they will not be admitted into Palestine unless possessed of immigrant on certificates issued by the Palestine Department of Migration and that if they arrive in Palestine without these certificates, they are liable to serious penalties and deportation under Palestine law.

### Unseaworthy Ships

Ships on which immigrants travel at great expense to themselves are, it is alleged, small insanitary and unseaworthy. The Captains and crews also are apparently unaware that by carrying passengers not legally entitled to land in Palestine they themselves are liable to arrest and heavy fines.

There is a report that the Second Officer of the Turkish steamer, Sakarya, now at Sulina, has resigned his post because he engaged in this traffic and has discovered the penalties to which he would be liable.

It is also reported that conditions on the Sakarya are very bad. There is no heating and there have been several dozen cases of pneumonia amongst the complement.

# BERLIN-MOSCOW TRIAL FLIGHT

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that a Soviet passenger plane has left Moscow on the first trial flight in the new Moscow-Berlin air service.

It says that a German plane will make the flight on January 12 and that the regular service begins on January 21 via Minsk, Koenigsberg and Danzig.

# New Pact Aimed At Preventing Expansion Of European War To Mediterranean

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**BUDAPEST, Jan. 8. (UP)—It is reported by very reliable sources that Count Czaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, have concluded a defensive military alliance.**

The alliance is "intended to protect and maintain peace in the Balkan and south-eastern Europe."

It is expected that the alliance will be officially announced after Count Ciano has reported to Signor Mussolini. This will be done to-morrow.

The alliance provides that Hungary will pursue its revisionist aims against its neighbours by peaceful means.

Count Czaky left Rome for Budapest at 6.05 p.m.

Immediately after his departure, Count Ciano conferred with Il Duce.

Signor Gayda, commenting on the Venice talks in the "Giornale d' Italia," said to-day that Italy and Hungary were both determined to prevent the expansion of the war to the Balkan States and the Mediterranean Sea.

He warned that Hungary's desire to limit the conflict should not cause interested Powers to refuse to try to reach a reasonable solution of Hungary's revisionist problems.

In view of the European political and military situation, he said, the Italian and Hungarian foreign ministers had decided not to publish the substance of their talks at Venice.

### Gayda's Hint To Rumania

ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia," gives a hint to Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation.

He says that the proposal to Hungary to settle problems pacifically cannot create a pretext for other Powers concerned to avoid a sincere examination and reasonable solution of the problems awaiting settlement.

It would be a fatal mistake not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution by just means, says Signor Gayda.

### Direct American Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Government has informed the League of Nations that American organisations are consulting directly with Finland regarding the request for material and humanitarian assistance.

The note, handed by the United States Minister at Berne, says that the United States Government from the outbreak of hostilities has given tangible indication of sympathy to the people and government of Finland. The American Red Cross and private organisations have given medical, financial and other help, and they are consulting with Finnish agencies regarding the most effective manner in which such aid may be continued and expanded.

### Warning To Rumania

ROME, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The determination of Italy to prevent the war spreading south to the Balkans and the Mediterranean was expressed by Signor Virginio Gayda in the semi-official organ, "Giornale d'Italia."

Signor Gayda declares: "Everyone should note that Hungary stands at Italy's side in the policy the latter is planning and in the methods she intends to adopt for her development. At the same time, Italy stands on Hungary's side as far as special problems on foreign policy are concerned."

The writer, who is recognised as Mussolini's mouth-piece, then asks Rumania to consider the advisability of coming to terms in her territorial differences with Hungary in view of the European situation. It would be a fatal mistake, he states, not to eliminate those problems which are still open to solution.

### Aimed At Both Nazis And Soviet Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (Domei).—It is reported that an understanding regarding the conclusion of a defensive alliance between Italy and Hungary has been reached as the result of the conversations between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries at Venice.

The report says that Italy will extend military assistance to Hungary immediately in case either Germany or Soviet Union invade Hungary.

It is understood that the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, following his conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, at Venice, has brought to Budapest a draft of the proposed military alliance.

Obtaining his Government's approval for it, Count Csaky will proceed to Rome to sign the Military agreement formally with the Italian Foreign Minister.

### "Nothing Known" Says Reuter

ROME, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in Rome concerning the conclusion of a defensive military alliance between Italy and Hungary as reported in the New York wireless broadcast which said that Count Ciano and Count Csaky had agreed to such a pact during their week-end in Venice.

The New York wireless quoted a highly-authoritative source in Budapest for its statement, declaring that Italy had agreed to go to the assistance of Hungary in the event of aggression against her by Russia or Germany.

The announcer added that Count Csaky would submit the proposed pact to the Government, and then return to Italy.

### Ciano For Budapest

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is expected to visit Budapest in April or May, according to the Budapest radio.

### Facing Red Menace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 8 (Domei).—Italian Government circles flatly denied the reports that a military alliance has been concluded between Italy and Hungary as the result of the recent conversations between Count Ciano and Count Csaky at Venice.

These circles admitted, however, that Italy would support Hungary's claims for "lost territory" in return for Hungary's co-operation against Soviet penetration of the Balkans.

## FACTS

**HUNGARY**

**Population (1930 census) 8,683,740, living in an area of 36,179 square miles.**

**Army in 1938: 1800 officers and 35,000 other ranks.**

**No Air Force. The Army possesses only two aeroplanes.**

**Mechanised Forces: 12 tanks.**

**Artillery: Fewer than 100 heavy pieces.**

**"Navy": Four motorboats.**

**ITALY**

**Population: 44,000,000.**

**Metropolitan Army: 260,000. Fascist Militia: 559,000. Overseas garrisons about 120,000. Mussolini recently boasted that he could raise an army of 10,000,000.**

**Navy: Ships completed at end of 1938: Four battleships, 23 cruisers, 60 destroyers, 60 torpedo boats, 103 submarines, 100 motor-torpedo boats. Four battleships are building, with 12 cruisers, 7 destroyers, 2 or more torpedo boats and about 20 submarines.**

**Air Force: Military planes were known to number 3,000 in 1938.**

# 40,000 Repatriated Nazis Return

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency announces that 40,000 repatriated Germans from the former Eastern Poland have arrived at Lodz, where they are accommodated in camps.

The first contingent of Germans from the former North and Central Poland, many of whom made the journey in horse-drawn vehicles, have also arrived at Lods.

BIG BONDS FRAUD

# PARADE OF MOVIE STARS

## Astonishing U.S. Court Scenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP).—The conviction of Felipe Buencamino, a member of the Philippine Legislative Council on a count of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of Philippine Railroad bonds, has been affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.**

The convictions of William Gillespie were affirmed on all counts, with the exception of two counts of fraudulent use of the mails, which were reversed.

The decision does not change the original sentences imposed.

Sr. Buencamino said: "I am sorry regarding the outcome of the appeal. I still feel that I have done no wrong. My attorneys are studying the decision."

As yet, no decision has been made regarding further appeals.

### Contention Upheld

The 20-page opinion sustains the prosecution's contention that Bruckner met Buencamino who is a "powerful figure in Island politics, and that Buencamino agreed to lend Legislative aid in return for $60,000, which the prosecution contends is a bribe."

The opinion reviews Bruckner's activities in seeking to raise money in London: "Buencamino held out for $60,000 before he would sail for London, remaining untempted by the $5,000, deposit in his name in Montreal."

None of the defendants were present in court. Buencamino's lawyer, Mr. George Norton, said he had not made any decision regarding his next step.

### Rebuke By Judge

Circuit Judge Charles E. Clark, condemned the courtroom tactics of the Prosecutor, William P. Maloney, but said the evidence of the defendant's guilt was so overwhelming that the "attack of the appellants on the prosecutor must fail."

He referred to the fact that the appellants brief bitterly attacked the prosecution in a personal manner.

Judge Clark said: "Even from the printed record we can see the vigour with which the Prosecutor pressed the case which, at times, went beyond the decorum and dignity which an officer of the United States should observe."

The Judge criticised the "parading" of chorus girls and movie stars to the stand to "prove only minor points."

# Hai Alai Shares Prove Popular

MANILA, Jan. 9 (Reuter)).—The 400,000 pesos issue of the new Philippine Hai Alai Corporation, which is capitalized at 1,000,000 pesos, has been substantially over-subscribed.

Very keen demand for the issue came from Shanghai.

The list, however, remains open until 5 p.m. to-day.

# King Of Thai In Switzerland

ZURICH, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The 14-year-old King of Thai, accompanied by his mother and brothers, has arrived in Switzerland on holiday.

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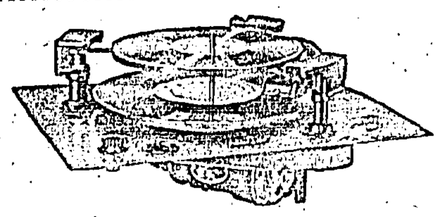

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## War Spending

J. M. Keynes, the English economist, has been putting up a proposition for paying for the war which, at first sight, looks like a conjuror's device for enabling everyone to hand over money to the State and yet have it safely in the banks for future use.

The position broadly is this: when a country is at war a great part of its effort goes into fighting and making war goods, and therefore less effort is available for producing ordinary consumption goods—the nation's consumption must be reduced. The reduction may be effected by taking away some of its earnings by taxation, so that it must spend less; or by raising prices, so that it does not get so much for its money. Both methods if pressed far have their drawbacks.

So Mr. Keynes suggests a third method which would counteract the tendency for prices to rise, and would yet leave the worker with some part at least of his surplus earnings credited to him for future use. Employers would deduct a certain percentage of wages and incomes from all payments due to employees and hand it over to the State. The Treasury would then deal with the accounts. Those who were liable for income tax would have the amount withdrawn from their credit, and the balance would be credited to them at 2½ per cent, to be repayable after the war.

The plan reveals itself as one for compulsory lending to the State. But there is much to be said for the method by which the loan would be raised. Whether people like it or not, thrift must be practised during the war, and here is a way of simplifying it and using it for the benefit of the State. It has the advantage of preventing over-consumption at a time when there will be little or no unemployment, and reserving consuming power for a time when it will be most needed—after the war, when there will be danger of severe unemployment. This is not to say that the danger of these savings being hit by post-war inflation can be ruled out. But if a simple means can be found for directing a nation's war spending on sound lines, that is just what is wanted in Britain to-day.

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# WHY HITLER HESITATES

## by Francis Williams

No real ray of light yet penetrates the fog of this strange new war.

The war strategy of the Allies is, it is true, clear enough, and on the whole thoroughly commendable. It has from the beginning been directed to avoiding large wastage of life in attacks against strongly fortified positions. It is the strategy of siege warfare, not of an attempt at a knock-out blow—whether by land or air.

It is the German reaction which provides the mystery of the war.

Here are threats piled upon threats, but so far hardly any action at all. Instead of the blitzkrieg expected, there is confusion and inactivity. In place of the waves of attacking planes which each one of us anticipated, there is a spray of propaganda which dashes itself to nothingness against the rock of fact.

Why is this? What is happening inside Germany to explain this failure of German arms even to attempt any decisive action?

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There seem to me to be four possible explanations. Here they are:

**(1) German inactivity may be a quite deliberate and considered policy of political war.**

As I pointed out in one of my previous weekly articles, military and political weapons are, for Herr Hitler, interchangeable—he employs whichever seems most likely to achieve his purpose.

And it is possible that he still considers that if Germany takes no decisive action, and particularly no decisive action against civilian populations, Britain and France will get tired of making a war which has no battles and will, in the end, allow it to die of its own inertia, leaving Germany still in possession of Czecho-Slovakia and her part of Poland.

Hitler may have studied the history of Sanctions against Italy and remember that after a period of not very whole-hearted action, there came a time when Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced that Sanctions had become midsummer madness. They were ended and Italy remained with her Abyssinia prize.

He may think—wrongly, I consider—that if he bides his time and does nothing very much, history will repeat itself, and that Mr. Chamberlain will make another speech and that another act of aggression will have been allowed to succeed.

**(2) The absence of a German attack may be due to inability to attack effectively against strong defences.**

The Air Force which has hung as a threat over Europe for so many years, may have been largely bluff and may not, in fact, be competent to undertake engagements which will involve it in a clash with first-rate opponents.

And the Army may be insufficiently equipped, have too small a proportion of fully trained men, and be unable to rely upon an efficient enough transport system to make it possible for it to risk any large engagement.

**(3) There may be dissensions so acute within Germany that the regime dare not risk a major war operation.**

It may not dare risk it for fear that it shall provide the cover for a major internal revolt—either within the Nazi Party itself or on the initiative of a monarchist-Army group, or possibly—although at the present stage this seems not very probable—within the mass of bewildered ordinary people.

**(4) Indecision may be due to a brainstorm on the part of Hitler himself.**

The feeling that he is being thwarted by Britain and France may, for the time being, have upset the balance of a mind never very stable.

Opposition to his will has always driven Hitler into a frenzy. If to this is added the effect of the Munich bomb plot, it may be that the Fuehrer is in no condition to come to any decisions himself and that none of his entourage has the courage to make decisions for him other than the makeshift decision to fill in the gap with loud threats.

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Which of these possible explanations of German inactivity is the most likely to be correct? It is very difficult to say.

There is some evidence to support each of them.

In support of the first is the fact that the one constant theme of German radio propaganda in English has been—apart from dislike for Mr. Churchill—that this is an absurd war. Again and again comes the attempt to persuade the people of Britain that none of their real interests is affected, and that it would be better for everybody if the war were called off without further ado. There is other evidence of the same kind.

Yet such an explanation does not square either with the bursts of hate propaganda, or with what seems at one time to have been very near to a decision to attack Holland.

In favour of the second explanation is the definite failure of the German air attacks on Scotland, the very high percentage of casualties and the accumulating evidence that the German fighters are inferior to both the British and French.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the leaders of a great military machine like the German would admit inferiority simply on such evidence and without the test of a really large scale action.

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As to the dissension within Germany, there was evidence of that before the Munich bomb showed the pitch to which hatred of Hitler has risen among some, at any rate, of those near to him.

And finally we have plenty of evidence over a long period of the unstable nature of the German Leader—of the passions into which opposition to his will throws him and of how queerly balanced in him are periods of indecision and of sudden political flair and decision.

Reports of a contemplated attack, first in this direction and then in that, the mixture of conciliation and hate in propaganda, all suggest that he is in one of these moods of indecision now.

If so we must not expect that indecision to last indefinitely. Nor, if we are wise, will we underestimate the power and energy of Herr Hitler when he does make up his mind.

Here then are four possible explanations of the mystery of Germany's inactivity. My own feeling is that it is something of all four which holds Germany back.

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Hitler, I think, has not yet quite made up his mind that the era of victories without war is over; he has been shaken in his hopes of a lightning war by his generals' reports on the comparative strength of the German forces and still more shaken by the knowledge of plots against him. In consequence he is at the moment in a mood of hysteria which makes decision impossible.

**No doubt that mood will pass. But while it lasts we gain. Every day increases our output of arms, every day improves further our already strong Air Force.**

**And within Germany indecision at the top must be having a crushing effect upon the morale of the mass.**

**We must not fall into the danger of over-confidence, nor delude ourselves that Nazism will be defeated without a struggle.**

**But we may, at any rate, congratulate ourselves that in these early days democracy has shown a steadiness both of strategy and purpose that Hitlerism has been unable to achieve.**

# Civil Defence Achievements

## 2,000,000 Shelters Now Ready

GLASGOW, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Civil Defence organisations formed the subject of a speech here by the man responsible for them—Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security.

What is called a lull may be the lull before the storm, he said, and a wise man sees that his home is in order before the storm breaks over it.

Civil defence organisations were by no means excessive, considering the tasks they may have to meet when an attack from the air comes. He was more concerned with whether or not they were sufficient.

By the end of this month, 2,000,000 steel shelters will have been provided, affording protection to over 11,000,000 people in the most vulnerable areas.

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LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Labour Party and Trade Union General Council of Finland have invited the British Labour Movement to send a representative to Finland to study the situation there.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"The wife's beginning to wonder why I've stopped biting my nails!"

# Appeal Against Rape Conviction Is Dismissed

**"I FIND it very difficult to follow the mental process of the Jury . . . but the decision I have come to, though not without hesitation, is that this conviction should be upheld," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Appeal Court yesterday, in dismissing the Appeal of Ajit Singh who had been convicted of raping a Chinese woman on November 20 last and sentenced to five years imprisonment.**

Also associated with the Chief Justice was Mr. Justice Fraser. The appeal which was based on three grounds was against the decision of Mr. Justice Lindsell. Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for Ajit Singh and Mr. T. J. Gould for the Crown.

The grounds of appeal were: 1. The corroboration of the prosecutrix evidence was unsatisfactory in law and in practice; 2. The verdict was against the weight of evidence given at the hearing and 3. There was a miscarriage of justice resulting from a misdirection of the jury by the trial judge.

### Extension Of Time Request

Mr. Chen first asked for an extension of time within which to appeal. Notice of appeal against the sentence had been given within the time specified by the Ordinance, he said, but after receiving legal advice the appellant also appealed against the verdict and he was now asking for an extension of time.

Mr. Gould said the principle upon which an extension of time is granted was that there must be substantial reason. In this case no substantial reason had been advanced. The Appellant's delay had, in fact, caused considerable inconvenience as the verbatim report of the Judge's summing up had been destroyed and only sufficient notes taken to deal with the appeal against the sentence.

Their Lordships decided that there was sufficient ground for extension of time and Mr. Chen proceeded with his argument.

Counsel said the case had been a lengthy one and had ended at a late hour in the evening after a long session of the court during which great strain had been placed on the Judge.

The prosecution, he continued, had put forward the story of no consent by the complainant. On the other hand, the defence, right from the start, had based their case on the ground that the woman was a consenting party. And the defence had, from the very first opportunity, led facts to show that the woman was the kept mistress of the appellant. That was the crux of the case. The prosecution had also led evidence at the trial which was not called in the court below. This was the medical evidence which turned out to be wholly in favour of the appellant.

### Vital Discrepancies

Before going into the question of misdirection, said Mr. Chen, he wished to point out that he had brought up several serious and vital discrepancies in the evidence of the woman which the Judge did not point out to the Jury in his summing up. One was that the woman had been meeting and consorting with the appellant many times. In a case where there were such vital discrepancies, said counsel, it was the duty of the Judge to point those out to the Jury.

The Chief Justice: All these matters were before the Jury. I do not see what this has to do with the grounds of appeal. These matters were properly left by the Judge to the Jury.

Dealing with the question of misdirection of the Jury, Mr. Chen said the medical evidence was strongly in favour of the appellant since it was hardly consistence with the story of a struggle and terror of the appellant on the part of the woman, but the Judge in his summing up to the Jury, without the slightest evidence, to justify it, explained away the fact that there were no marks of violence on her body.

There was no suggestion, Mr. Chen continued, by the prosecution that there was any terror as a result of which the woman had submitted to the man. On that ground, Mr. Chen submitted, there had been a miscarriage of justice. The Jury had come to the conclusion as a result of the judge explaining away the fact that there were no marks of violence, that the act did in fact take place without the consent of the woman.

Mr. Gould, replying, said the words complained of were not a misdirection but an omission to direct. Therefore, the onus of proving that there was a miscarriage of justice was upon the Appellant. He submitted, however, that this was not, on the face of it, a case of misdirection but a suggestion to the Jury that the woman's story as to her resistance may have been exaggerated.

### Jury Criticised

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice referred to several "unsatisfactory features" of the case and said the only question was whether those features had been brought about by the conduct of the Judge. The answer, he thought, was clearly in the negative.

His Lordship said he found it difficult to follow the mental process of the Juy. "I am satisfied on reading the notes of evidence and the summary of the Judge's summing up," he said, "that there was no material point, either a point of law or a point of evidence, bearing directly in favour of the Appellant, which he did not fairly put to the Jury.

"The responsibility for any miscarriage of justice was not the Judge's but the Jury's. On the second point, the Jury were duly warned regarding the evidence of the small child—that it was unreliable and should be disregarded. The decision I have come to, though not without hesitation, is that this conviction should be upheld."

Latest China War News

## GUNS IN ACTION

### Artillery Duel On Han River

**A heavy artillery duel took place on Sunday between the Chinese and Japanese forces at Machiatai, near Tsienkiang, on the south bank of the Han River about 95 miles above Hankow. Intense Chinese fire succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries, claims a "Central News" message.**

On the Chungsiang-Kingshan highway and in the areas south of Suihsien, the Chinese have made sweeping advances. Kingshan, Kwankiao and Tungkiao are reported to be surrounded by the Chinese.

### Three Japanese Defeats

The Japanese at Sunklaochen, west of Kingshan, suffered more than 300 casualties in an engagement on Sunday.

Covered by artillery fire, 2,000 Japanese at Hsiahsien in South Shansi, launched an unsuccessful offensive on the Chinese positions nearby. They were defeated after close-quarter combats.

Another Japanese detachment pushing westward from Taming, in South Hopei, has been driven back, sustaining about 300 casualties.

On the night of January 7, Chinese troops attacked Tashaping, Kwelkowshih and Chwangchengwan in South Hupeh. They broke into Kwelkowshih and challenged the Japanese in street fighting.

In the north of the province, the Chinese raided Yanglowtung and Shuanglungkang on the same day, capturing 11 machine-guns and many rifles.

On the southern front, more vantage points on the Nanning-Yamchow highway have been recaptured by the Chinese in a series of attacks. These includes Napien, Pumino, Hsincheng, Liangna, Palan and Punchinotsun.

A Japanese counter-attack was repulsed.

## Miners Entombed By Explosion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAPPORO, Jan. 9 (Domei).—Fifty-two miners are helplessly trapped underground as the result of a gas explosion which occurred in the Mayachi pit of the Yubari Mine at 4.10 p.m. yesterday.

A landslip followed the explosion. As the interior was filled with gas, a fire apparently broke out in the pit this morning.

Only one miner has managed to come out to the surface. The fate of the remainder is held almost hopeless, despite frantic rescue operations by the authorities.

## Sabotage Reports Discounted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Sensational rumours of attempts to sabotage the great Boulder Dam have been given a quietus by the report of the F.B.I., which recently investigated the stories.

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I., attributes the rumours to the special precautions taken to guard the dam after war broke out in Europe.

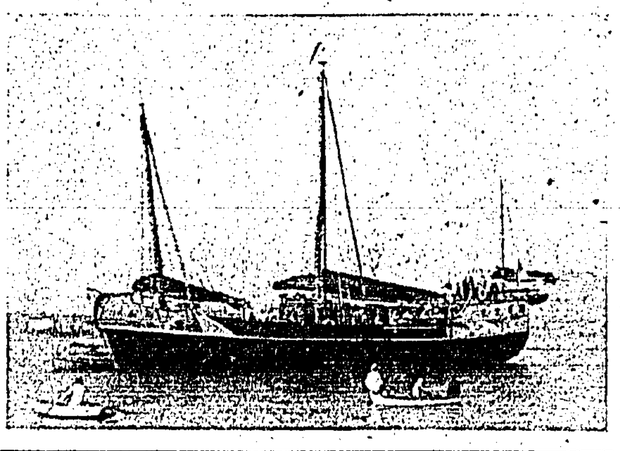
## Constitutionality Of Bill Debated

DUBLIN, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the President, Dr. Douglas Hyde, thas decided, after consultation with the Council of State, to refer to the Supreme Court the question whether the Offences Against the State Bill empowering the Government to intern people on suspicion is repugnant to the Constitution.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The Transvaal gold production has reached an all time record value, computed at £95,000,000, an increase of over £10,000,000 on the previous year.

Cheng Ho Negotiates Hazardous China Sea In Fine Style

# HONGKONG JUNK'S SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO MANILA



**THE HONGKONG built 150-ton junk Cheng Ho behaved splendidly on her maiden voyage to Manila, averaging 7.2 knots in a strong north east monsoon varying between force five and eight, Mr. J. Peterson, who sailed the junk over told a "Telegraph" representative on his return here.**

Leaving Hongkong on Boxing Day, the junk arrived at Manila, where it attracted great attention on December 30.

**"The junk really behaved like a big ship and has proved a very solid and wonderful boat. We maintained our speed with the assistance of the lee diesel engine as we wanted to get to Manila in time to celebrate New Year's Day," he added.**

Mr. Peterson has had considerable experience in sailing this type of craft. He was unlucky to lose his own beautiful junk Pan-jin in the Red Sea after successfully sailing it from Hongkong in an attempt to reach the New York World's Fair.

### No Vibration

"There was no vibration from the two 140 h.p. diesels, which are a superior type of motor. For her botanical expeditionary work in Netherlands Indies, the junk is an ideal craft, her extreme roominess making her preferable to a schooner.

Large crowds assembled when the Cheng Ho anchored at Manila near the Army and Navy pier off the Luneta and many went on board, said Mr. Peterson.

Dr. David Fairchild, one of the sponsors of the expedition and Mrs. D. Archbold the other sponsor will join the junk in Manila.

## $125,000 LUXURY MOTOR BOAT TO BE BUILT IN HONGKONG

**Plans for the building of a $125,000 luxury 103 ft. motor yacht, a brigantine and other craft in Hongkong yards were revealed to a "Telegraph" representative to-day by Mr. A. Carmelo, the Mexican Consul in Manila, whose 38 ft. yacht Elvira was launched here recently.**

Following the boom in sugar and mining in the Philippines many enquiries are being made regarding the building of luxury craft in Hongkong. Mr. Hauserman, who has large gold mining interests ordered a 300 ft. cruising motor yacht from Germany just before war was declared. As it was to be an all steel craft, the German firm of Krupp have announced that they are unable to meet the order.

There is every indication that Hongkong will become a more prominent boat building centre following the war in Europe.

### Craft Described

**The $125,000 motor yacht is to be built for Mr. Manuel Garcia the wealthy sugar man from Negros. The craft will be twin screw with twin diesel engines of 200 h.p. each and will be capable of about 12 knots. It will be a composite craft with a steel frame and wood planking.**

Mr. Carmelo, who holds a Master's Certificate in sail, is carrying a family tradition. His grandfather owned and operated a fleet of 11 brigantines, and frigates which plied between Mexico and the Philippines. These were 200-ton craft between 110 ft. and 140 ft. in length.

### To Build Brigantine

**He is planning to build a brigantine in Hongkong. A brigantine is a small two masted vessel, square-rigged like a brig, but with fore-and-aft mainsail and raking masts.**

His handsome yacht Elvira launched by his wife in Hongkong in October will be sailed to Manila this month by Mr. J. Peterson and Mr. Norman Torrey, an American. Joining the yacht in Manila, Mr. Carmelo intends cruising with friends in the South Seas, for several months.

## British Soldier Pleads To Murder Charge

**SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Private David Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, pleaded not guilty when his trial opened this morning. He is charged with the murder of L/Cpl. James Davis, also of the Seaforth Highlanders, on November 4.**

**The Crown Advocate, Mr. John McNeill, explained that the trial was being held in the British Supreme Court following the granting of full legal powers over the accused to the Court by Major-General A. E. Grasett, the C.-in-C. British Troops in China.**

## $57,000 In Two Suit Cases

### Unmanifested Cargo Charge Withdrawn

Charged with bringing into the Colony unmanifested cargo consisting of two suit cases containing $54,000 in Chinese currency and $3,500 in Canton currency, Hung Cheung-mo, 48, of 45 Bonham Strand East, appeared before Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Hung was represented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, while Chief Preventive Officer Grimmitt prosecuted.

Mr. Lo said Hung was a travelling trader and was instructed to bring the suitcases to Hongkong by a Hongkong bank. Mr. Lo submitted that the suit cases were Hung's personal luggage and could not be termed as 'cargo.'

In answer to Mr. Lo's submission, Mr. Grimmitt said the Revenue department considered any freight, that could be charged for or charged on, as cargo.

Mr. Edwards said with the facts before him he could not come to a definite decision. The charge was withdrawn.

## Beer Stolen From The N.A.A.F.I.

A quantity of beer, cigarette etc., valued at $96, was stolen from the N.A.A.F.I. at Devil's Peak yesterday. The theft was reported to the Police by Sgt. Billingham of the 8th. Heavy Battery.

CANBERRA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, stated to-day that the Government immediately is considering the question of diplomatic representation in Tokyo.

## Workers And Police Clash

### Thirteen Men Appear In Court

Thirteen employees of the Chung Hwa Book Company appeared before Mr. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with fighting in Pak Pai Street. Nine were also charged with having intimidated T. T. Kong to abstain from doing any act which was his legal right to perform.

Bail of $500 each was allowed, and they were remanded for a week.

It is understood that the management of the Company requested the police to surround the works on Saturday. When about 300 workers left the works for tiffin, they met the police and had a struggle. Eight workers were injured.

## Trans-Atlantic Air Service In June

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—The British Overseas Airways Corporation is sending a technical expert to the United States, Canada and Newfoundland in anticipation of opening a Trans-Atlantic air service in June from Britain.

## Military Cable Stolen

C. Q. M. S. Buckle, Area Signals' Office, China Command, has reported to the Police that 2,000 yards of electric cable valued at £250 was stolen from an enclosed area off Shek-O Road between December 15 and January 9 this year.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1890.

The projected Firth of Clyde Canal to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the North Sea will be begun at once. A Manchester firm has contracted to complete the canal at a cost of £8,000,000.

Three new ironclads of 14,000 tons and 20,000 horse-power will be added to the naval strength of Italy as soon as possible. Vessels, armor, guns etc., are to be made in Italy.

The "Chorolistha" is the last London dance, the name comes from choros, a dance, and olisthanein, to glide.

Baron Dounozal, a French officer, proposes that France and Germany should fight on a new principle, each country to have 100,000 men on its side only. At the same time he is liberal in his offers to Germany, and says that the country may have 10,000 Italians to help it.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1915.

The deadlock on the western frontier seems complete. In spite of incessant attacks, driven home with quite extraordinary resolution and hurricanes of shell expended every day, the losses and gains along the fighting front fairly balance one another, and at this rate things could go on for weeks with advantage to neither side were the resources behind both more nearly equal.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1930.

A further fall of a farthing was registered in respect of the Hongkong dollar when exchange opened this morning. This brings the T.T. rate down to 1s. 6⅛d. which is as low as it has ever been in the history of the Colony.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1935.

The question of the more adequate advertising of Hongkong as a tourists' or travellers' resort, which has periodically arisen in recent times, is taken a step further to-day by the suggestion made by a contributor that the time has come for some definite action to be taken in the matter.

## Hitler Has Another Conference

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Hitler, back after his Christmas holidays, has begun conversations with his political and military chiefs.

According to the "Telegraaf," the most urgent business is Germany's attitude to Sweden and the Finnish war.

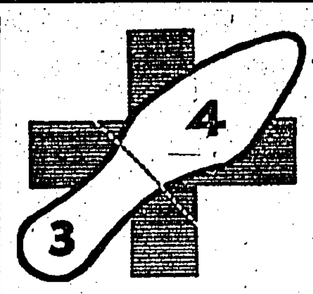
Concrete developments are expected in this connection shortly.

## Less Unemployed In Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The registered unemployed on December 11 totalled 1,361,000, which was 41,000 less than on November 13 and 409,800 less than on December 12, 1938.

## Loses Wrist Watch

Mrs. Jo Chane Russ, 9 Kimberly Road, has reported to the Police the loss of a gold wristwatch, valued at $50, between Kimberly Road and the Gloucester Hotel.

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## "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

# EFFORT TO CONTINUE THE LEAGUE

## Indians Beat Club: Recreio Win Another Low Scoring Game

**AT THE TIME these notes are being written I am unaware of the League Committee's decision, though I know that all the various Clubs with which Ihave discussed the matter want to carry on. It will, of course, hit some more than others, but I know so well how things get slack without some sort of a League to hold them together. There was a rumour going round that the University were taking over the Navy fixtures and producing a second eleven.**

**It is good news that the Varsity can raise two elevens, but to be quite frank they are not worth their place in the senior division, and it will do them much more good to play through the junior division with a fair chance of winning. I don't think they will but they may.**

To turn to Saturday's cricket, the Club took down a rather weak to Sookunpoo, though H. Owen Hughes made his first appearance for them. As usual their bowling let them down, and to add to their trouble Alec Pearce, who had slightly damaged his side before, strained or tore the muscles of his left side very nastily and could not bowl, and, while he gallantly went in low down with a runner, it was obvious that he was in great pain every time he hit the ball.

### A. H. MADAR AGAIN

**MADAR** has been making some good scores this season, and he put together a nice 56, while M. el Arculli, who has come on this season I think, ran up 55. Nobody but John Pearce could do anything with the ball, and a declaration with 177 for 8 wickets gave the Club time to get the runs—if they could. But with T. A. Pearce crocked it was most unlikely.

Owen Hughes opened, and considering he was short of practice (I learn an accident put him out of cricket at home early in the season) he shaped excellently. Carey, however, did not, and I don't think he is an opening batsman. He was always iffing to Minu, and bought it early on. Haymes succeeded and batted very confidently. I feel sure that if he could play regularly, and get to the nets he would turn into a very useful bat indeed. Minu bowled steadily, and though Owen Hughes seemed to have his measure he was beaten by one, and well taken in the slips. Shortly afterwards John Pearce snicked A. H. Madar and was also a slip victim.

### A STOUT STAND

**AT THIS POINT** A. K. Mackenzie came in, and, if somewhat agricultural in method, he was successful in clumping the bowling about while Haymes in more polished style laid on at the other end. The score mounted rapidly, and someone was even heard to enquire how long was left to get them!

But then a series of catastrophies occurred. Haymes put his leg in front of one from A. M. Ruminhn when he had made 28, and then Minu in one over bowled Mackenzie (22) with his faster ball, and had Day and Daw caught in the slips. Alec Pearce struggled on and got 13, while Potter defended. Minu however pushed a good one down to get Pearce l.b.w., and Finnie did not last long. Suiter, who had dislocated a finger fielding, was absent and so the I.R.C. won by 79 runs in what was rather a chapter of accidents for the Club.

### A Close Thing

**AT THE C.S.C.C.**, the home side got the Recreio champions out for under a hundred runs for, I am told, the third time running. And for the third time running they lost the match. There seems to be some evil joss about that ground that turns some quite good batsmen into spineless ferrets, and I am seriously considering consulting some professor of Geomancy as to what can be done about the *fung shui* of the place.

Possibly the erection of the football stands has prevented our own particular Joss, which, I believe, lives in what is by courtesy known as the billiard-room, from getting a direct view of the Football Club Bar.

However that may be, the C.S. bowlers started very well, and put out three of the Gosanos for eight runs between them. The fourth however, Gerry, who is going to be the best bat of the lot perhaps, saved the situation with a 30 not out, hitting anything loose quite firmly to the boundary. Rodrigues (13) and Beltrao (17) gave him useful support until N. L. Smith, the C.B.S. schoolboy, went on with medium off turners and took 4 for 7. The total was 95 runs.

### COLLAPSE

**IT IS TRUE** that the C.S. were without Fortescue and Barrow, but there is no excuse for the weakness of the batting. A Weller, another C.B.S. boy playing to fill up the side, made 25 runs, but Richardson, Holidge, College and McLellan all failed. Perry hung on at one end and got 17 not out, and Whitley, after being apparently bowled but given not out, (Ozorio the bowler agreed) hit the next over from that bowler for twenty. But the side was all out for 86 and Recreio won by 9 runs. Ozorio took 7 for 51 and E. L. Gosano 3 for 27.

### Intra-Club Game

**THE CRAIGENGOWER** players have a genius for intra-club matches, and seem to enjoy them far more than many others. F. R. Zimmern, A. K. Ismail, H. P. Lim, who has staged a great come back this year, and Tinker Lee all did well with the bat in a twelve-a-side game. There were no very outstanding bowling performances.

### Club 2nd XI Win

**THE CLUB SECOND**—in what may have been a League match, beat what may have been an Army second eleven by a rapid bit of scoring. The Army included Whatman, Lawrence, Swyer and Q. M. S. Paterson who usually play for the first, I think, and ran up 180 for 8 wickets. Most people got a few, but Lawrence (67) and Whatman (41) were the principal scorers.

Set to get 181 in roughly speaking an hour and a half, the Club brought it off. Armstrong was top-scorer with 60, while Divett, Parsons and Lowe all got into the thirties. Extras were 23 and they got home by 6 wickets. It is interesting to note that against the Army's 31.

### Police Buy It

**THE VERY KEEN R.A.F.** team made an excellent start by beating a pretty strong Police team very heavily. Nancarrow (he should come from west of the Tamar?) made 42, and took 5 for 18, so he has every reason to look back on the match with pleasure. King got thirty eight, and Waddington 29 plus 4 for fourteen. The Police were all out for 37. The only arresting part of their cricket was when Danbrowsky finished off the Air Force innings by taking four wickets for no runs.

The only other game which comes within my province is one in which an "A" University team was well beaten by D.B.S. For the School, L. R. Buch took 7 for 32 in 8 overs. Macauley (28) Harris (31) and Ebrahim (32) were top scorers for the school who made 152 against their opponents' one hundred and seven.

My account of the all-day game between K.C.C. and C.S.C.C. on Sunday appears in another column.


## SPORT ADVTS.

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## A SPLENDID VICTORY

### Civil Servants Beat The Clock And The Kowloon Cricket Clnb

**ON SUNDAY LAST** there was a magnificent all day match between the K.C.C. and the Civil Service who were without Fortescue, Barrow and Whitley, and brought in Weller and N. L. Smith, from the C.B.S., and Attwell. Kowloon were without Robert Lee, who was suffering from tonsilitis, B. D. Lay, G. C. Burnett, and Tom Madar, but when one considers the strength of their batting side it is clear no one but a bowler would have been selected. All the Sunday matches at the K.C.C. are most enjoyable, but this one had the added flavour of a most exciting finish.

K.C.C. batted first, and Anderson was dropped behind the wicket off the third ball of the match. It was not an easy chance perhaps, but it might have spelt disaster. Fortunately for the Civil Service, after Anderson had scored 7 runs, Perry got an excellent ball past his defence. McLellan and Perry both bowled very well and it was a splendid delivery from the latter which took F. J. Lay's wicket. Runs, however, came fairly steadily, though Mackay, with his score at 13, was bowled by McLellan and Ernie Fincher (19) was l.b.w. to Fenton. Then, however, D. Hung and Teddy Fincher settled down and took the score to 120 without further loss before tiffin.

Considering that the wicket, the light and the weather were perfect, the Civil Service could congratulate themselves on a good morning's work, and they proceeded to do so copiously, and, thereafter, we sat down (it is very nice the way the K.C.C. cricketers ask Mr. R. Abbit along to write rude things about them) to an excellent lunch, or at any rate I did, as my breakfast had been somewhat light.

### AFTER TIFFEN

**AFTER TIFFIN** McLellan bowled from the Pavilion end, and E. C. Fincher was caught at the wicket off his first ball, 127-5-23. Rapley then went in. Perry bowled at the other end, and D. Hung turned him prettily to fine leg for four. However, when at the other end, he played outside McLellan's first ball—a good off break—back went his leg peg, 134-6-35. Baxter then came in. He was lucky to be dropped in the gully in Perry's next over—a very keen chance. But wickets continued to fall, and Rapley was taken at wide mid-on. (141-7-3).

Lloyd then came in and clumped a single to mid-wicket, and thereafter the batsmen started running very keenly for singles and twos. Runs came quite fast until McLellan got one past Lloyd's defence, 163-8-14. A. Zimmern batted next and got a two off the last ball of the over—a very good one. Baxter began to let out, and was twice lucky when intended drives went away to leg, one for a boundary.

The C.S.C.C. fielding grew rather slovenly, and, though both batsmen were nearly caught, things would not go right for the attack, which, I think, should have been changed earlier. As has so often happened, after being in a good position, the C.S. attack seemed to lose its grip.

### ANOTHER WICKET

**AT 190**, Fenton went on for Perry, and in his first over Lawrence took Baxter nicely at first slip. 192-9-29. R. T. Broadbridge came in. The two hundred went up, and then at 204 Fenton bowled him for a score of ten. The C. S. should have got them out cheaper, but the strength of the K.C.C. batting is shown by the fact that Archie Zimmern and R. T. Broadbridge went in numbers ten and eleven.

### C.S.C.C. BAT

**RICHARDSON** and Weller opened to Lloyd and Anderson. Weller put the latter through the covers, and the ball was fielded well up on the grass rise just short of the cinder track. A similar hit had been given as a four to a K.C.C. batsman, and the local rule should be made clear to everyone. Runs came slowly and Weller was nibbling dangerously at Lloyd's off ball. At 12 he was beaten by Anderson's off break after having driven him very prettily to the off boundary the ball before.

He gives me the impression of having been very well coached, and he has a nice style, but I cannot help thinking he plays at where he thinks the ball ought to be, rather than where it is. In other words, he must learn to watch the ball right on to the bat. This will come with practice and experience. 12-1-6.

Holidge, who came in next was prone to nibble at the wrong ball on the off, but he missed them fortunately, and runs came steadily if slowly. At 25 tea was taken.

### AFTER TEA

**AFTER TEA** things again progressed quietly. Holidge was fortunate to be dropped off his pet cut at first slip. Otherwise he was playing very well. Richardson made a big on drive off Anderson, but was lucky to find long on standing much too close in. At 45 Richardon hit the ball hard and straight to cover and called for a naughty single, and Holidge only just got the decision. He celebrated it by a four to square leg, and then Richardson survived an appeal for a stumping off Lloyd. In the same over Holidge snicked a four in the slips; no chance, but a bad shot. Both bowlers were having hard luck, but there should have been a change, much earlier. At 60, Holidge again steered his cut into (and out of) first slip's hands. He will have to lose that stroke if it takes a surgical operation.

### A CHANCE AT LAST

**AT 67**, Baxter was put on for Anderson at the K.B.C. end. Holidge cut a full toss very nicely square for

**PLEASE Turn To Page 9.**

Football Meeting

## Teams May Travel To Shanghai

### Protest Against Referee's Ruling

**GOVERNMENT'S** permission for soccer and rugger teams to travel to Shanghai for interport matches during the Chinese New Year holidays was made known at the Council meeting of the Hongkong FA. yesterday.

**A strong protest was lodged by Mr. Walter Hanming Chen on behalf of the South China Athletic Association regarding the ordering-off of Lee Shek-yau during the Eastern-South China second division match last weekend.**

**Mr. W. G. Pryde was in the Chair.**

A complaint was received from the Royal Corps of Signals on the ruling of the referee in their match against Royal Engineers on December 31. Mr. Holland said that the referee's decision was final.

### INTERPORT INVITATIONS

A letter was received from Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation requesting permission to stage two charity matches on February 8 and 9, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the Hongkong Chinese Athletes' War Relief Corps.

Mr. Pryde said that no decision could be made until they had heard from Singapore and Saigon. These two ports had been invited to play interport matches here during that period.

Mr. Pryde added that the Association had received intimation from Manila that they were unbale to visit the Colony during the Chinese New Year Holidays, as their players, the majority of whom were students, would be busily occupied with examinations.

A request from the Hongkong Chinese Journalists' Association for a charity match to be played on February 14 in aid of refugees, was granted.

Mr. Walter Hanming Chen said that his Association wished to lodge a very strong protest against the referee's ruling, resulting in the ordering off of Lee Shek-yau. Mr. Hollands said that the matter could not be discussed until the referee had sent in his report. Mr. Pryde said that Mr. Chen could attend the meeting of the Emergency Committee when they met to discuss the incident.

### GROUNDS OVERCROWDED

Mr. Chen also brought up the question of over-crowding of grounds and, as an example, submitted the South China "A"-Eastern match last Sunday, when between 300 and 400 spectators were permitted to pass through the turn-stiles in excess of the seating accommodation.

He made an effort to have the sale of tickets stopped when he saw that the ground was filled to capacity, but as soon as he had turned his back, the ticket sellers at the instance of Eastern officials completed the sale of their last 50 tickets. Mr. Skinner made a similar complaint. It was also alleged that counterfeit tickets had been sold in blocks outside the ground, but that it was impossible to keep a check on these. Mr. Guimgarn said that only Government stamped tickets were on sale at the turn-stiles.

Mr. Pryde suggested that the Association write to the clubs concerned regarding over-crowding, requesting stronger action in future.

## Senior And Junior Shield Draws

The following were the draws made:

**Senior Shield**

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| Police | v Middlesex |
| Club or Royal Scots | v Eastern |
| South China "A" | v Navy |
| South China "B" | v St. Joseph's |

**Junior Shield**

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|---|---|
| S. China "A" or Elec. | v 8th Royal Artillery |
| 30th Royal Artillery | v Kowloon or 24th Bty. R. A. |
| Eastern | v Royal Engineers |
| International | v Police |

**Lai Wah Cup**

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| Army | v Navy (Jan. 27 Caroline Hill) |
| Civilians | v Chinese (Jan. 29, Navy Ground) |

Rifle Shooting

## Sub. Lt. Carey Scores Possible At 500 Yards

**THE HONGKONG** Rifle Association's Spoon and Practice shoot on Stonecutters Range last Saturday attracted 47 members under good weather conditions:

**Sub-Lt. Carey, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force won the nett spoon in the aperture sights class with a score of 97 and a possible button at the 500 yards range.**

Mne. Croft won the nett spoon in the open sights class with 85, while handicap spoons were won by Mne. Fletcher and Mr. A. Simpson of the Dockyard Rifle Club.

### APERTURE SIGHTS

| | H'cap. | 200 yds. | 500 yds. | 600 yds. | Tl. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sub/Lt. G. J. P. Carey Scr. | 22 | 35 | 30 | 97 | n |
| Cpl. F. Cole 2 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 96 | |
| Capt. F. P. Sequeira Scr. | 29 | 34 | 32 | 95 | |
| Mr. J. A. Guard 1 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 94 | |
| Sgt. G. E. Breese 2 | 31 | 33 | 30 | 94 | |
| S.L. A. C. Chan 2 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 92 | |
| Mr. A. Simpson 10 | 32 | 31 | 29 | 92 | h |
| Mr. W. Trenouth 1 | 31 | 31 | 29 | 91 | |
| Mr. H. L. Langley 2 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 91 | |
| Q.M.S. J. Ball Nil | 29 | 30 | 31 | 90 | |
| Mr. H. J. S. Blake Scr. | 27 | 29 | 31 | 87 | |

### OPEN SIGHTS

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mne. S. Croft 1 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 85 n |
| Mne. Jas. Fletcher 0 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 84 h |
| Sgt. M. F. Rushman 7 | 26 | 28 | 29 | 83 |
| Sgt R. T. Heap 4 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 80 |
| Cpl. J. C. Remedios 11 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 79 |
| T./Sgt. J. D. Remedios 8 | 27 | 20 | 30 | 77 |
| Pte. R. A. Centro 10 | 23 | 28 | 24 | 75 |
| L./Cpl. J. M. Xavier 7 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 74 |
| Mr. H. S. Jones 11 | 27 | 27 | 15 | 69 |
| Mr. V. R. J. Merrell 7 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 68 |
| Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 12 | 25 | 24 | 15 | 64 |
| Pte. F. V. V. Ribeiro 6 | 22 | 23 | 16 | 63 |
| Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez 13 | 20 | 17 | 23 | 62 |
| Pte. A. M. Xavier 14 | 25 | 21 | 6 | 52 |
| Pte. E. S. Marques 14 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 50 |

(n) winner of possible button.
(h) winner of nett spoon.
(h) winner of handicap spoon.
Winner of (N) or (H) will have his handicap reduced by one point.

## Referees Asked To Exercise More Care

**COMMENT** on the number of men sent off the football field during the past week-end was made by the Rev. Hinchcliffe at the meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association yesterday. Though of the opinion that the actions of the referees must have been justifiable, he expressed the hope that the officials would, in future, exercise a little more care and think twice before taking such drastic steps.

It was decided that the annual Press and Referees match be played before the Lai Wah Cup match, between Civilians and Chinese, on January 28 at the Navy Ground.

Mr. D. M. Mitchell, the chairman, said the annual dinner was a success, and small profit realised will be credited to the Building Fund.

A plan of the Association's new club house which will be built in Wongneichong Road was seen by the members, and it was agreed to proceed with the scheme as the Association had acquired $2,000 on loan. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the annual fee be $5, with some footballers as honorary members.


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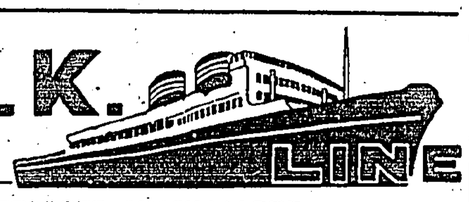

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### They Asked Conscientious Objectors These Questions At Tribunals in England

# WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE REPLIED?

**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS, facing local tribunals at Home, were asked "test" questions by their examiners.**

Here are the problems that were raised and the replies that were given:—

#### Would You Fight Your Relatives?

"My father might be in the German Army, and I might have to fight him," Richard Walter Elias explained to the London Tribunal.

Elias is a pin-table mechanic living in Southern-street, King's Cross, N.

Describing himself as British-born, he said that his father, an Austrian, had remarried after a divorce, and that all his cousins were in Germany.

"Are you likely to come across them if you go out to fight?" he was asked.

"There is a possibility," he answered.

The tribunal decided that there was no conscientious objection, and Elias' name was removed from the register.

#### Would You Let Your Mother Die?

JOHN RODERICK DAVIES, a farm-worker of Aberdare, Glamorgan, would not resist if Germans tried to kill his mother.

That is what he told the South Wales Tribunal at Cardiff.

"Supposing," it was suggested to him, "a party of Germans landed in Cardiff, marched to Aberdare, and told you that unless you gave them everything they asked for they would kill not only you but your mother as well. What would you do?"

"Stand still and let them in."

"Would you stand quietly and let them kill your mother?"

"Definitely so."

Davies added: "Why should I kill anyone whose mother has the same love for him as my mother has for me?"

He was granted exemption on condition that he undertook agricultural work.

#### Would You Kill A Wounded Bird?

AS a boy Albert E. Arnold, of Kemp Town, Brighton, found a bird with a broken wing.

He could not leave it to suffer, so he stamped on its head.

"It haunted me for a week," Arnold told the South-Eastern Tribunal, and added that now he would willingly face a firing squad rather than take life.

He was exempted on condition that he remained in his present job of baker and confectioner.

#### Would You Let A Burglar Steal?

IF Victor Chamberlain found a burglar in his house in Ashburton-road, East Croydon, he would not resist.

"I would reason with him," Chamberlain told the London Tribunal.

"If he still insisted I would let him take my goods."

He based his objection to military service on the interpretation of the Christian faith, and declared that it was wrong to kill an enemy.

He was registered for agricultural work.

## FAMOUS PEER ILL

London, Jan. 8.

Oxygen has been administered to the Duke of Westminster, 60, reputed to be one of the richest men in England, who is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

He became suddenly ill after his return from the Riviera last Thursday.—*United Press.*


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## V. C. Hero of Last War to Lead New Zealanders

A HERO of the Great War, one of whose exploits was referred to by Sir James Barrie in his address on "Courage" to students of St. Andrews University, has been chosen to lead the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

He is Major-General B. C. Freyberg, whose achievements in the last war earned for him the V.C., the D.S.O. with two bars and on two occasions. He was wounded nine times.

Major-General Freyberg, royal approval to whose appointment was announced recently, was the hero of a Gallipoli incident in 1915.

With his body painted black he swam for two miles from a destroyer to the shore with flares, which he then lit to create a diversion to enable troop landings to be made at other points. for this exploit he was awarded the D. S. O.

#### Four Wounds In Two Days

He won the V. C. in November of the following year when at Beaumont Hamel he drove a wedge into the German line and on the following day personally led the charge that resulted in the capture of Beaucort. At the time he was 26 and in the two days was wounded four times.

The second bar to his D. S. O. was gained in the closing minutes of the war when, with nine men, he rushed a village and captured more than 100 Germans.

Major-General Freyberg was born in London but was educated in New Zealand and is now 40.

The first echelon of the volunteer force has completed intensive training and is awaiting embarkation. A second echelon is to be called up, it was announced in London.

# TANKS TO CARRY WOUNDED

### TIME SAVED IN LESS SERIOUS CASES

By RICHARD CAPELL
"Telegraph" War Correspondent

With the French Army.

The idea of making tanks do the work of stretcher-bearers would have seemed fantastic in the other war.

But a day or two ago, when on a visit to a battalion in the line, I happened to see the notion realised in practice.

The tank in question was one of the smallest of the breed. Compared with the original tanks which so much surprised those of us who were up by High Wood in the Somme in September, 1916, it is a Yorkshire terrier by the side of a wolfhound.

The French call these little tanks chenillettes. They are not more than 3ft high. It is amazing to see how the little monsters get across rough country and how they climb.

Their principal business is to convey ammunition to the front line; and if they bring back wounded on the return journey, these must be patients in a state to put up with a certain amount of jolting.

#### Quicker Than Stretcher

My particular chenillette came in from a company aid post to the battalion medical officer with a man who had been wounded by a grenade. Without going into details, it may be said that the ground was less favourable to stretcher-bearing than Hampstead Heath would be.

I do not suggest that conveyance by tank is ever likely to be the ordinary means of bringing in the wounded, and the man with the grenade wound was probably glad enough to be transferred from the trailer of the chenillette into the motor ambulance which was waiting for him at the battalion aid post.

But he had been brought along in about a quarter of the time which a squad of stretcher-bearers would have taken.

#### Strong Medical Service

The sector of the front I was visiting has been the scene of a certain activity, but here, as elsewhere, if casualties had been multiplied by 200, the medical service would still have been ready. What the French call evacuation hospitals, corresponding to the casualty clearing stations of the Royal Army Medical Corps, have been organised on an immense scale.

One name may be mentioned, that of the picturesque old Alsatian town of Phalsbourg, which is exclusively occupied by the medical corps.

It is a town of hospitals. Gigantic red crosses on the roofs and in the courtyards and squares announce the fact to enemy airmen, and the place is out of bounds to the rest of the army.

The dedication of the town is perfectly well known to the Germans. Whether they will respect it in the heat of battle remains to be seen.

## Organisation To Help

It has been decided to set up an organisation which will be available to inform relatives of officers of "matters of importance"—especially in case of the death of officers.

This announcement is contained in the Ministry of Information bulletin issued recently.

The term officer includes naval and marine officers, warrant officers, and members of Queen Alexandra's Nursing Service.

The head of the organisation will be Vice-Admiral H. S. Munroe, D. S. O.

Any communications dealing with this subject are to be addressed to "Relatives of Naval Officers Information Bureau, 58 Victoria Street, London, S. W. 1.

## PRIZE COURTS OF WORLD WAR

LONDON (UP).—The archives of the Prize Court, which passes on the disposition of contraband cargoes and vessels seized under the British blockade, are filled with accounts of many thrilling captures and bizarre incidents of the past.

During the last war, thousands of tons of grain, coffee, ores, phosphate rock, nitrate of soda, hides, petroleum, vegetable oils, salt, copper, aluminium, lard, bacon, meat, fruits, cocoa, rubber, fertilizer, tobacco, machinery, brick, tools, chemicals and coal were seized.

Some unique cargoes also fell under the authority of the court. One was consignment of alligators, frogs and snakes for the Berlin Zoo. They were condemned as enemy property and exhibited as prisoners of war.

There was a shipment of human hair from China destined for wigs for German women, and a long argument whether sausage skins were food. When the counsel produced an exhibit of the slimy casings for sausages the court observed:

"Take them away, certainly not."

Some of the difficult cases before the court concerned the shipment of goods for Germany through Denmark. Some 73,000,000 pounds of foodstuffs, rubber and hides, and lard were consigned from New York to Denmark. This quantity represented 13 times the normal shipment of goods via this channel. The entire cargoes were condemned as destined for the enemy. Nearly 40 lawyers were engaged in arguing these cases.

#### Role Of Neutrals

The importance of trade carried on by Scandinavian countries, the United States and Latin American republics in relationship to the war was disclosed by the proceedings of the court. The task of the court was made difficult by various devices adopted to hide the fact that cargoes were destined for Germany. The principal means was the setting up of neutral agencies, but in many cases cargoes carried in neutral ships for neutral ports were condemned.

Throughout the war not a single life was lost on merchant vessels subjected to search or detention by the British navy.

Forty-one prize courts were constituted throughout the empire, but the chief court was in London. Some very long and involved judgments were given by Sir Samuel Evans and Lord Merrivale, who presided during the war.

Gross proceeds from cargoes sold amounted to more than $30,000,000. Eighty-one German vessels were condemned and 73 vessels were detained until after the war. Vessels sold yielded some $2,000,000.


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## As They See It Abroad

The Waiting Game
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# HERE'S A SHIP THE NAZIS CANNOT SINK

By W. M. DUCKWORTH

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND.

**I WENT on board H.M.S. ——, well, let's call it Pinafore as it is war-time. I watched the White Ensign hoisted from the stern—that ceremony of hoisting the colour which is performed on all ships of the Royal Navy at nine o'clock in the morning all over the world.**

I heard the chaplain read prayers and the band of the Royal Marines play the National Anthems of the Allied Nations and saw the ship's company march off to the tune of "A Life on the Ocean Wave."

But H.M.S. Pinafore is not really a ship afloat. The Germans won't be able to say that they sank it, because it is unsinkable.

It is a land ship, bearing the honoured name of an old cruiser. It is an example of the Navy's genius for adaptability.

In peace-time it was a holiday camp. Now it is a training establishment for new entries into the Navy.

#### "For Your Delight"

Here come the raw material from Eton and Harrow, the village butcher boy and the grocer's lad, the bank clerk and the taxi-driver—all to be shaped into sailors.

Two hundred a day march in at one door wearing their civvies, and 200 a day march out at another door in their new uniforms and pass to the various naval barracks for advanced training.

The old sea dogs, the grey-haired Reservists who have been called up, meet them at the gates and instil into them the need for discipline and physical training.

Life aboard H.M.S. Pinafore is pleasanter than it was in H.M.S. Crystal Palace during the last war.

On the boating lake, where the holiday campers used to paddle about in festooned craft, the lads are learning how to manage a whaler, while the instructor bawls at them from the lakeside.

The tennis courts have been turned into recreation grounds where netball is played, and a vast dance-hall has been converted into a clothing store.

A 60-year-old physical instructor was giving the men Swedish exercises.

"I remember him as my instructor at Osborne College," said one of the officers who piloted me round the ship.

#### 300 Gallons Of Soup

To-day he was telling the lads the same old tale. "These exercises," he said as he stretched out his arms and legs like an acrobat, "will make you grow, so that you will be able to join the City Police after the war."

Trainees live in little chalets which were once the holiday homes of the campers. A recruit sleeps on a spring mattress and has a soft white pillow and plenty of blankets, with his own wash hand-basin, and a bedlight for reading in the black-out.

Mechanised waiters run round one of the great dining rooms. Nine electric trolleys go from table to table, each containing 120 hot dinners, and each man makes a grab for his meal as it passes.

To-day's menu, which was served by white-aproned chefs and Wrens, consisted of soup stenk and kidney pie with vegetables and prunes and custard.

In one kitchen there was a row of vats almost brimming over with hot lentil soup—300 gallons of it; and it took two men to lift each mammoth stenk and kidney pie.

# SHOT OFFICER LEAVES A 'TIP'

A £1 NOTE, with a letter saying that it was for the chambermaid, was found when Captain Reginald Oliver, a railway transport officer, was found shot in a bedroom in the South-Western Hotel, Southampton.

Captain Oliver was seen to be lying dead in the bed, with a service revolver in his right hand, when a fellow officer looked through a bullet hole in the bedroom door.

#### In Black-Out

A letter addressed to a friend was found.

**On the previous night he had been knocked down by a motor-car in the black-out, but said he was not hurt.**

His friends say that he had seemed depressed for some days.

Captain Oliver, who stayed with his sister-in-law at Perivale, Middlesex, when he was in London, was the son of Mr. J. W. L. Oliver, C.B., of Baronsmede, Ealing. He was understood to be a widower with a young daughter. He had been at Southampton for six or seven weeks, having been called up at the outbreak of war.

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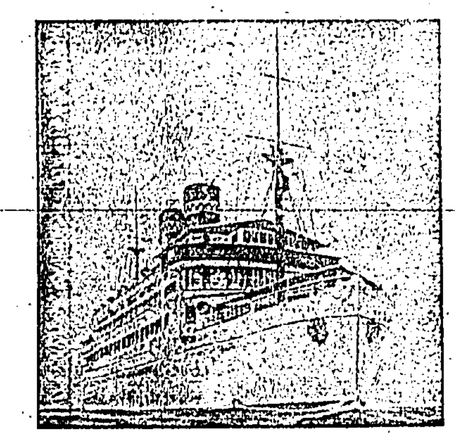

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**Twenty-five years ago our mothers smartened up their war-time wardrobes with tailored blouses. We will do the same, but go one better. This page helps you to choose blouses that help the figure.**

FOR good all-round economy there's nothing to beat a blouse: easy on the purse to begin with, time-saving to get into, cheap at the laundry. And they stand alone for picking up a tired suit.

But for all that they are not so easy to wear; because they end at the waist they cut your figure in half. If you are tall that's a good thing, but not many of us have mannequin figures. If you are on the plump side the average light silk blouse gives something of the effect of a skin on a sausage. If you are thin, "sloppy" is the word that rushes to the mind.

But there is no need for these drawbacks. Learn the principles of the kind of blouse you should wear off by heart, and you will feel as comfortable in a blouse and skirt as you do in your dressing-gown. If you can't buy *just* the thing you want, a few home-alterations are worth while.

There are four types of women who think they were hard done by when measurements were handed out—the tall and well-built (she's a fine figure of a woman), type, the short and plump (a real motherly woman), the tall and bony, and the small and slight.

Look at the drawings on this page and you will know, for ever, the kind of blouse you want; minor fashion points will change, but these are the basic types for you.

NO. 1 shows the type for you if you are tall and generously curved. Pick out these points in every blouse you buy: Narrow V neckline to slim your throat; plain vertical panel to flatten your front; slight vertical shirring to disguise the bust; plain, not-too-light sleeves to make as little as possible of your arms; long wrinkled cuffs to slim large wrists and flatter large hands; jumper rather than tuck-in waists to give a softer look over tummy and hips. Choose plain darkish colours—never stripes—in thin materials; not for you husky woollens, fancy cloques and the like.

NO. 2 picks out the points for the short and stocky. In addition to looking thinner, your aim is to look taller, too. Look out for: Narrow V necks or narrow square necks; plain shoulders (exaggerated shoulder width makes you look stockier still); plain sleeves with, if possible, pointed cuffs to make your arms look longer; a vertical line of buttons, embroidery or what you will down the front to give length; pointed waistcoat fronts to disguise your tummy and give a longer line. You, too, should choose darkish colours in thin fabrics, and a small broken pattern is a good idea.

NO. 3 is the one for you if you were ever called "lamp-post" or something similar. You can go all out for plaids and checks and bold patterns: they help to break your height up and disguise your thinness.

And look out for these points: sleeves fitting tightly at the wrist (wide cuffs make wrists look thinner); sleeves fitted but not too tight; high necklines—Eton-collars, turtle-necks, bows and scarves; squared shoulders to "broaden" you up; panels or some interest to accent the bust; a fitted waist to make the top half look bulky in contrast; fabrics with "body" that help to fill you out—jerseys and velvets and woollens.

NO. 4 shows pointers for the small, slight woman who finds it easy to look like a schoolgirl in a blouse. You want to look plumper and to gain height at the same time. Watch out for: Vertical lines—stripes are fine—to give you length in the bodice; but see that some of the stripes go the other way to broaden you too; squared shoulders to make you look more important; high, but not too severe, necks; some of your throat should show; high-waisted blouses (have your skirts cut high) to give you a long-legged look; fairly full sleeves to round your arms out.

*1 This is a blouse to shade away the inches—both of height and breadth; of soft periwinkle blue chiffon—shirred over the bust and with a soft neckline.*

*2 Simplicity should be your aim if you are small and plump. A blouse like this slims you and gives length; of soft crepe patterned in blue, mist and rose.*

*3 This type of blouse cuts down the height and gives you weight if you are tall and thin; of red and green plaid in thin wool, with a front panel and a silk scarf.*

*4 To round you out and give you importance. If you're what's usually called a "slip of a thing," choose a blouse like this; of mauve and white striped silk with squared shoulders, a yoke and neat collar.*

**One of the loveliest of this season's plaids is this huge scarlet-green one used with a green-dyed moleskin jacket in this dramatic suit.**

# Useful Treacle

A taste for black treacle can be acquired, and it is worth while to acquire it, for treacle is wholesome and easily digested. It consequently gives heat and energy more quickly.

There are plenty of ways of using it, on porridge and plain suet puddings, in fruit puddings, ginger bread, parkin, and other brown cakes. Treacle tart (so-called) is generally made with golden syrup, but real treacle tart is quite as delicious. Cook the pastry case separately, then fill it with warm treacle and sprinkle the top liberally with raisins or chopped dates.

Treacle mould is a novelty that children love. Blend three flat tablespoonfuls of cornflour with a little out of five gills of milk. Bring the rest of the milk to the boil with five dessertspoonfuls of black treacle, stirring frequently. Pour over the cornflour while still boiling, return the mixture to the pan and simmer for ten minutes, stirring all the time. Pour into a wetted mould and leave in a cool place to set.

Treacle biscuits take hardly any time to make, are economical, nourishing and delicious. Rub two ounces of margarine into half a pound of flour, stir in six ounces of melted treacle and mix well. Roll the paste out thinly, cut into biscuits and bake in a slow oven.

W. B.

# Spreads For Bread

BUTTER can be saved by using one of the following "spreads" in its place:—

Curd cheese, made by adding a dessert-spoonful of rennet to 1½ pint of milk brought to blood-heat. Leave in a warm place till milk turns. Put in muslin bag, tie up and hang over clean bowl for several hours, squeezing gently now and then. Add a little salt to the curds and form into pat. It should weigh a quarter of a pound. The whey can be used for mixing boiled puddings or pastry.

Chestnut butter made by boiling a pound of chestnuts, rubbing them through a wire sieve, and mixing in 2 ozs. of margarine or curd cheese and salt to taste.

Walnut butter, made by mixing ¼ lb. of milled walnuts into a gill of panada (white sauce made with double usual quantities of flour and margarine).

Brazil nuts, almonds and peanuts can be used in the same way.

W. B.

# Uses For Old Towels

TOWELS, like other household goods, do not last for ever. But you need not just cut them up for rags and dusters. There are many uses in the home for old and worn towels.

To repair towels which have begun to wear, darn the worn places with three-ply wool. The wool "felts" with washing and makes a mend which will hardly show and will last for months.

When your tea-towels are wearing thin do not discard them, but select two, place them on top of each other, and machine them together all round and crosswise. In this way you form one thick towel that will last a long time.

Have you an old towel which has become badly worn in the centre? If so, cut out a circle in the middle where it is worn-out and hem the edges all round. You will find this useful if placed over your head next time you shampoo your hair.

With any old bits of towelling—or the good parts of worn ones—you can make practical cushion-covers for your bathroom stool. Pad them with folds of badly worn towelling, and button them on with bands under the stool.

Old huckaback towels can be made into guest towels if cut across the middle and then hemstitched and embroidered at one end, while the best pieces of old Turkish towels can, when required, be made into bibs for young children. They can also be cut up as face squares.

Small strips of old towelling make excellent draught protectors; neatly tack these round the windows or doors and you will be free from those icy blasts that sneak in through the cracks during winter.

I. H.

# R.A.F. Commissions From Ranks

Conditions which will govern the commissioning of airmen from the ranks during the war were announced recently by the Air Ministry. They will obtain pending the issue of a more comprehensive order.

Apart from selections for permanent commissions, which were made before the war and will be carried into effect as soon as possible, all commissions granted to airmen during the war will be tenable for the duration of hostilities only.

Such commissions will be granted to airmen serving on normal regular engagements, and commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve to airmen serving on other engagements.

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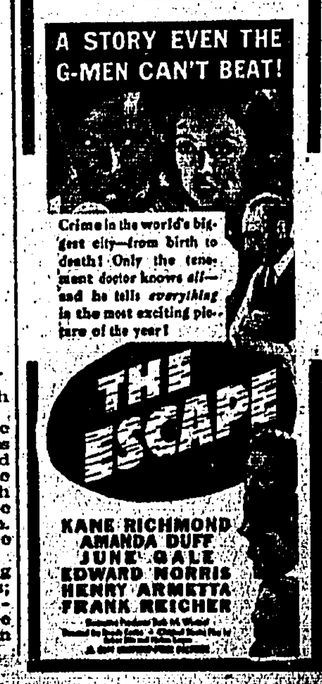
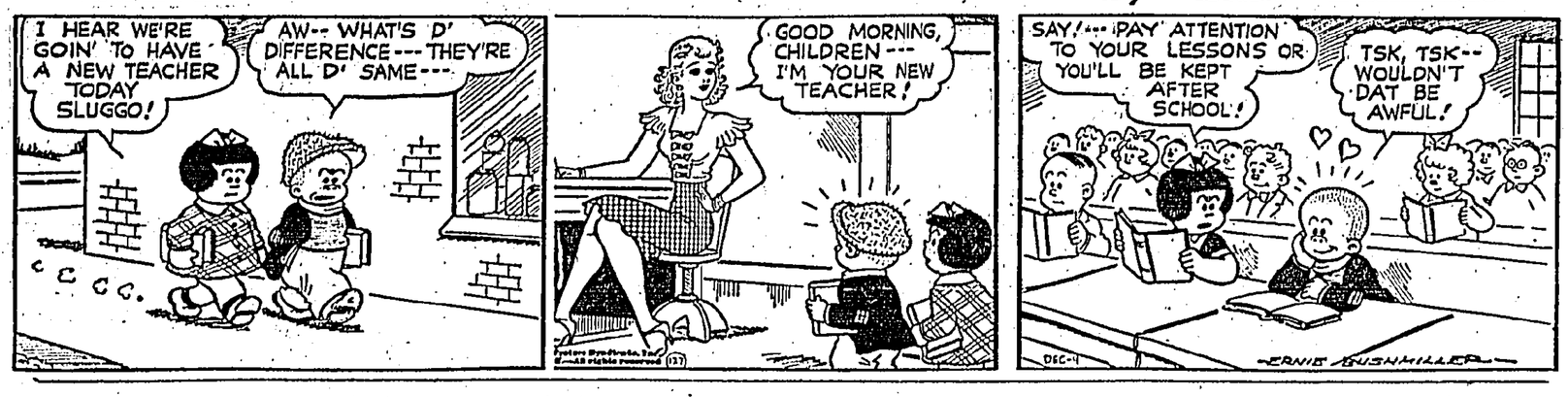


## NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller




# Goodbye, Mr. Chips

# NEW MASTER

**Mr. Chipping, known affectionately as "Chips" to the boys and Masters of Brookfield School, has been ordered by the doctor to stay at home because of a cold—the first time he had missed the first Evening Assembly of a new school in 58 years. Chips disoboys, but finds himself locked out with a new boy, son of the Duke of Dorset. When Assembly is out the older boys gather affectionately about him. A new master, Jackson, escorts Chips back to his lodging where, seated before the hearth, Chips, now 83, sees himself as a new master coming to Brookfield 58 years earlier.**

THE Brookfield Special waited at the Victoria Station, London, for its load of boys returning, or going for the first time, to that old institution of learning. Newsboys were shouting headlines from the late newspapers: "Special edition—French defeated at Sedan! Special—Emperor surrenders! Empress in flight! Special!"

Amid bustling porters, boys saying goodbye to relatives, stumbling over their bags, a harassed young schoolmaster, Bingham of Brookfield, was sorting the pupils into their seats in the train when a young, diffident man approached him.

"Are you Mr. Bingham?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I'm Chipping, the new master. Can I be of any assistance?"

"Not now—just finishing. Martin! Where's Martin!"

Chipping yelled for Martin and that was all that he did to help Bingham. He was ill at ease, uncertain of himself—going to his first school as a master where he hoped to make a name for himself.

AMONG the new boys was one young fellow who, finding himself alone among a lot of strange boys, leaving home for the first time, sat looking out of the window trying hard to keep from crying. Chipping knew just how he felt—for he was feeling much the same himself. He lowered his newspaper and smiled. "Cheer up," he said with a faint smile.

That diffident encouragement was too much for the boy, and after a final struggle he burst into a flood of tears. Chips, appalled at the result of his attempt to cheer the youngster, continued: "I'm new, too. It's not easy to begin with."

The boy flung himself into the corner of the seat and gave vent to a new burst of tearful grief. Chipping made an uncertain gesture towards the boy, and became conscious of a sudden silence among the other boys, and looked furtively about.

"What did he do, Colley? Slap him?" asked a youthful voice.

"Kicked him, most likely," was the reply.

The new master withdrew behind his newspaper.

Arrived at Brookfield, Bingham accompanied Chipping to his quarters.

"I used to have this room. You'll find the draft from that window will give you a stiff neck. What are you looking for? Is something going on?"

Chipping, standing looking out at the window, said in a burst of eager enthusiasm: "Just as I imagined it! It means everything to me to come to Brookfield. I suppose you felt the same way... I'll get on. I know I will...Headmaster of Brookfield—that's something worth working for."

"Done any teaching before?" asked Bingham, grinning at his back.

Before he could reply, a school porter knocked and told him that Dr. Weatherby, the Headmaster, would see him.

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AFTER their talk, Weatherby brought Chipping into the masters' common room and introduced him to the staff.

"I want you to show Mr. Chipping the ropes—any little pointers you know. Mr. Chipping is taking Lower

**From the novel by JAMES HILTON**

**Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.**

School to-night. Well, good night, Mr. Chipping. Any time you need to see me..."

The pointers given by his fellow instructors did not serve to banish young Mr. Chipping's nervousness at first facing a class.

"You must not let them rag you," said Masterson.

"Take a quiet look around for drawing pins in your chair," cautioned Dunbar.

"Or rat traps in your desk," added Cooper.

"Are you athletically inclined?" asked Leslie, filling his pipe. "Not that they ever become violent—"

"You mustn't take any notice of these fellows," said Masterson. "The boys are a bit restless on first night—new masters are exciting blood sport with them, but—"

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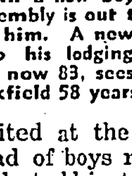

THE BELL for class rang, and Chipping made his way to Lower Form. The door was shut and inside dead silence reigned. Chipping opened the door and entered. The room was large and bare, with tall windows. It was lighted by two chandeliers of iron rings with a circle of candles.

As he stepped across the threshold, Chipping's mortar-board was whirled from his head by a thread across the doorway and flung to the floor. Amid stifled giggles came cries of: "Your hat, sir!" "You've dropped your hat!" "Oh, let me, sir!" "No, no, I'll pick it up—please, sir."

The hat, instead of being picked up and restored, was kicked out of the reach of each boy stooping to get it raising the dust on the wooden floor.

"That will do, thank you," protested Chipping. "Kindly sit down. Will you get back to your places, please!" He made grabs for the mortar-board, but always it was snatched from his outstretched hand, while, in the name of kindly helpfulness, the youthful ruffians shouted: "Not at all sir." "We're glad to help." "Morgan, give it to me!" "Here it is!" "Don't tread on it, you silly fool!"

"Do you hear what I say?" demanded Chipping, his voice getting shriller. "Go back to your seats! Sit down! Give it to me!"

"I have it, sir!"—shouted young Colley, holding it up. "It's a bit battered, sir!" He banged it violently across his knee, while the boys, speaking together, interrupting each other, cried:

"You must be more careful, sir!" "Do you lose your hat very often, sir?" "That's a silly question!" "Isn't it a silly question, sir?"

"Awfully dusty," said Colley, still banging the mortar-board. "I'll fix it, sir. Won't take a second, sir!"

Colley ran to the blackboard, snatched up the chalk-permeated duster and rubbed the mortar-board vigorously, covering it with white streaks.

The new master snatched the hat. "What's your name?"

"Colley, sir."

"Go back to your place, Colley. Go back, all of you!"

"Yes, sir," virtuously chorused the boys and took their seats quietly.

"You will employ this time until six o'clock," said Chipping, "in writing an essay on the book you were given to read during the holidays. I understand this was Kingsley's 'Westward Ho!' If you are in any difficulty, I shall be pleased to answer questions."

"Oh, *thank* you, sir!" chorused the hypocrites.

Chipping surreptitiously felt the seat of his chair for pins before sinking into it. A hand was raised.

"Well, what is it"

"Is a pencil all right, sir?"

"Of course not, you idiot!" said a neighbour.

"Who's an idiot?" demanded the first boy fiercely.

"You are, you idiot!"

"Silence! Silence. I'll have no more of it!" cried Chipping.

"No more silence, sir?" asked Cooley amid general laughter.

In a moment another hand was raised. "Who was Queen Elizabeth's husband, sir."

"She didn't have a husband. Surely, you know what she was called?"

"No, sir. What, sir?"

"The Vir— or — well, she was called — er — never mind."

"Oh, sir, please sir, please tell us, sir!" they begged.

"Go on with your work," ordered the new master.

Another hand went up. "Sir, who was Cadiz?"

"Who was Cadiz?" repeated Chipping. "WHO was Cadiz? Cadiz is a town in Spain."

There was another outburst of comments from the boys. "Of course, you ass!" "Isn't he an ass, sir." "Silly, fat ass!" "Don't listen to him, sir!" "Ha! Ha! May I kick him, sir?"

"Quiet, please, quiet! I think we'll get on with our work."

"Yes, sir". "Let's, sir."

THE climax came when a boy asked how to spell Armada. A dozen different boys answered, each spelling it a different way, shouting down the others, drowning out Chipping's voice ordering silence. Then other boys began repeating his order for silence, making more noise than the others. Then Colley and another youngster pretended to get into a fight, and soon missiles were hurtling back and forth.

"Boys, do you hear me? Sit down! Be quiet!" cried Chipping, as a piece of India rubber hit him on the cheek.

Cooley stood up in his seat. "Who did that? I'll kill him for you, sir!" He aimed a pencil box. "We must protect the master! We must protect Mr. Chipping. We'll rally 'round you, sir! Trust us, sir!"

Into the continuing pandemonium strode Dr. Weatherby, a look of horror on his face.

"What is this? What is happening? Mr. Chipping!"

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1.45 **Variety with Frances Day, Charlie Kunz, Warner and Darnell, and Others.**

2.15 Close Down.

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Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

6.38 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler); Shepherd's Madrigal (Kreisler)....Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Carl Lamson; Santa Lucia. I Long For You (Mario); Voice Of The Night (Curtis)....Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra; Dancing Doll (Poldini-Kreisler)...Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rudy.

7.00 **London Relay—"The Old Man of the Sea."**

A play from a short story by W. W. Jacobs.

7.30 **London Relay—The News.**

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 **Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Orchestre Napolitain.**

Napoli—Tarantelle (Mezzacapo); Chant De Sirene (Volpatti, junior)...Orchestre Napolitain; Dans La Fumee (Bos); Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenoir)....Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra; A Frangesal (Costa); Souvenir De Pausilippe (Andolfi)...Orchestre Napolitain.

8.23 Chabrier — Cotillon — Ballet Music.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.40 **Studio—Recital by Victor Sanders (Baritone) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.**

1. (a) Sylvia (Oley Speaks); (b) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter); (c) O Mistress Mine (Quilter), (d) Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quilter)....Victor Sanders (Baritone) 2. Piano Solo—Selected....E. O'Neil Shaw: 3. (a) Tally Ho (Leoni); (b) A Jolly Old Cavalier (Airlie Dix); (c) My Old Shako (Trotero).

9.05 **Studio—Comments on Recent Events.**

9.15 **London Relay—News Summary.**

9.30 **London Relay—"Cards on the Table."**

9.45 **Musical Comedy.**

10.00 **An hour of Dance Music.**

11.00 Close Down.

# C.S.C.C. Beat Kowloon C.C.

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 6.)

four, when he went round the wicket. In Lloyd's next over, however, he was bowled—it was a good off break, a bit quicker and completely beat the batsman. But for the weakness I have mentioned he had played a very good, and most useful, knock for 32.

**ANDERSON BACK**

AT 97, Anderson went on again for Baxter, who could not find a length, but Richardson completed his fifty and sent the hundred up with some strong shots to leg. In his second over Richardson hit him with the break for four, put one through the slips for the same number, was dropped at mid-wicket off a very difficult catch from a lifted shot that scored two, and was stumped next ball. 125-3-71.

It was a fine innings, and it was unfortunate that he grew impatient as a little more restraint would have given the C.S. a much better chance of getting the runs. They wanted 80 runs in fifty minutes,—quite possible with a set batsman going but not very likely otherwise, especially as they had a distinct tail!

**RUNS STILL COME**

PERRY and Colledge took the score to 148 when the latter, hitting out at Anderson, was well caught pretty low down by extra cover running towards cover. 148-4-18. Perry then started hitting and pulled Anderson twice and Lloyd twice—the last four was a very hard chance to long on. He then cut him beautifully for a couple. 173 up and 23 minutes to go. A run later McLellan ondrove Anderson and was nicely caught on the boundary 174-5-4. Perry continued to hit wisely and not at everything, and drove Anderson over extra-cover's head, but in Lloyd's next over he was splendidly caught by Rapley running from deep midwicket. 181-6-39—a fine forcing innings.

THERE WERE only thirteen minutes left for play and the Civil seemed to have little chance except indeed of losing the game if they tried to win it. Smith however, remained to be reckoned with. He skied Anderson behind first slip for a couple. He then seemed to be dropped very low down at extra, but it was so dark I will not vouch for it. Several singles followed. Next over Lawrence scrambled a single, and Smith hit a grand four to long leg, and cut a couple to third man.

An off drive for two followed—nine to win!

Off Anderson's next over, second ball, Lawrence swung at one on the leg side and it went up to slip—apparently off his glove. Atwell hit a single—Smith off drove a two. He then cut another and took a single to extra. Two to tie, three to win!

A single to Atwell, another to Smith and last over was called, with the game a tie. Off Lloyd's first ball Smith nooked a glorious four to square leg and the game was won!

A splendid winning knock especially for a cricketer of his year—a grand game and a great marathon bit of bowling by Lloyd and Anderson. Baxter could not get going and would do better in spiked boots I think. The K.C.C. literally had no other bowling, and it was wonderful how Lloyd and Anderson stood up to it. And to think that those Civil Servants batsmen were the nuts who crawled out on Saturday. It beats me.

# New Exchange Rates Set By Bank

## Narrowing Buying & Selling Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Taking advantage of the new tighter exchange regulations which became effective to-day, the Bank of England narrowed the spread between buying and selling rates for dollars to one cent instead of two cents.

The Bank similarly adjusted its rates for French francs.

Except for Stockholm and Oslo, which remain unchanged, the Bank raised sterling against other official currencies, simultaneously narrowing the spread.

**Result Of Pressure**

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's alterations in the Bank of England's official exchange rates are viewed by banking circles as the probable result of pressure by commercial institutions who have believed for some time that the spread between the buying and selling rates are unjustifiably large.

Authoritative quarters stress that the decision will reduce the spread and is in no way connected with to-day's new regulations regarding the transfer of sterling from resident to non-resident accounts.

The new rates merely represent the return of greater normalcy in quotation such as prevailed prior to the supersession of the free market by official quotations.

**Press On War Events**

# General Staff Of Economics Is Demanded

## Mr. Hore-Belisha's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha and the economic war are the two chief topics in to-day's British Press.

Both the "Daily Herald" and the "Manchester Guardian" ask Mr. Chamberlain to lighten our darkness in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

The "Daily Herald" says that if the resignation is purely for personal reasons, the Prime Minister will have to satisfy the nation that they could not have been composed in some other way.

On the other hand, the "Times" takes a different view. There has not been one word of criticism by the Army of Mr. Hore-Belisha's reforms. It says that a more natural explanation is that a series of minor differences not concerned with the war gradually brought the Prime Minister to a point where he felt that a change would make smoother work in the department and in the Cabinet.

**Complacent Conduct**

Both the "Manchester Guardian" and the "News Chronicle" are concerned over the too complacent conduct of the economic war. In Germany this question naturally has received most careful attention and in some quarters in Britain, amusement and satisfaction have been aroused at the state to which Germans are reduced.

An eminent authority, however, suggests that the Germans are actually consuming less than they are producing.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that against such an enemy we too must show that we are capable of great sacrifices.

**Revolutionary Changes Needed**

The ruler of Germany is the master of vast resources. All the energies of his nation have been bent to one task—that of creating military strength. The youth of Germany has been trained as never youth has been trained since the days of Sparta. Many in Britain do not realise that if we are to defeat Hitler we must be prepared for revolutionary changes and larger sacrifices, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The "News Chronicle" discusses the little attention paid by responsible Ministers to the question of conserving and using our resources.

Field Marshal Goering, the new Nazi economic dictator, is now equipped with an economic general staff. Britain needs more readiness for trying out innovations and readiness for change and sacrifice.

The journal would like to see an economic general staff for Britain.

**WESTERN FRONT**

# Calm, Except Near Vosges

## French N.C.O., Wins Two Decorations

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—According to the French wireless, the calm on the Western Front was almost universal except west of the Vosges, where two Nazi patrols were repulsed after heavy hand-to-hand fighting.

Individual acts of courage receive recognition in the official journal, in which are named 23 awards for gallantry.

One N.C.O. gets both the Military Medal and the Croix-de-Guerre. His unit inflicted heavy losses on a German unit. The N.C.O. then led a counter-attack in which five prisoners were taken.

**Berlin Reports Activity**

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The official news agency states that there has been more lively artillery fire and reconnaissance activity on both sides on the Western Front.

It adds that enemy artillery bombarded the Perl and Upper Perl regions, and also the wide valley north-east of Ritzungen.

# STOCK EXCHANGE IS ACTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange market was initially hesitant owing to the recent political re-shuffle, but the upward movement quickly resumed under the lead of gilt-edged securities, which closed higher on a further influx of buying orders.

Indian Government bonds encountered a demand, while Far Eastern bonds were notably stronger. Wall Street was steady.

# Jewish Refugees Arrested

HAIFA, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Over 500 Jewish refugees from Germany and other countries were arrested yesterday within territorial waters.

A schooner with 360 aboard was towing another sailing vessel with 160 aboard.

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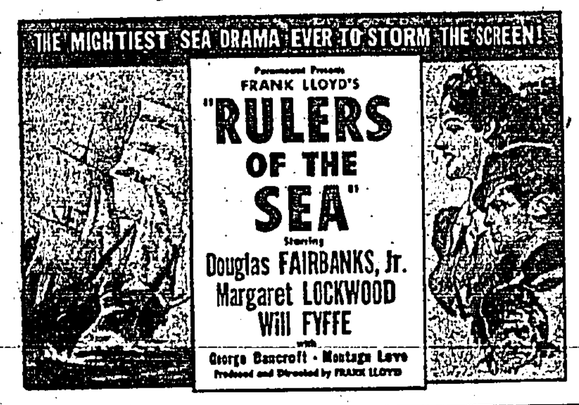


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# SHANGHAI TRIAL

## Briton To Face Murder Charge To-day

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

A Seaforth Highlander, David Eckford, native of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, begins a fight for his life in the British Supreme Court tomorrow when he will face a Jury on a charge of murdering Lance-Cpl. James Davis, also of the Seaforths, on November 4.

This will be the first murder trial of a British subject in Shanghai since the case of the Indian, Atma Singh, three years ago. Atma Singh was sentenced to death for killing a fellow Indian, but he was dramatically saved from the gallows when the rope broke while he was being hung in Ward Road Gaol. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment by the then Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and now Atma Singh is serving his term of imprisonment at Mooltan, India.

Private Eckford reserved his defence when he was committed for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing in the British Police Court early in December when an eyewitness description of the shooting was given by another Highlander, Private Stirling.

Private Stirling said that on the evening of November 4 he was on duty at a sentry post on the border of the International Settlement where Japanese-occupied territory adjoins the sector manned by British troops. Lance-Cpl. Davis was in charge of the post, which included Eckford. While on beat he noticed Eckford with a rifle levelled at Davis. About four and a half yards separated the two men. Eckford said, "I am going to shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the rifle went off. Eckford immediately handed the rifle to witness and said, "I am ready for the Sergeant now." When the rifle went off Davis fell backward. Later a duty truck arrived with a patrol under the charge of Sergeant McDonald. Eckford said, "He is dead, Sergeant. I shot him."—*Reuter.*

# For French Lines

London, Jan. 7.

Ten thousand goods wagons and 240 locomotives, costing £6,000,000, are being built in Britain for use of those sections of the French railways operated by the British army. About £1,750,000 worth of railroad and dockside equipment has also been ordered.

The huge order will not prevent British engineers from continuing to build for overseas customers and deliveries are being guaranteed.

Among noteworthy deliveries of British-built locomotives to overseas during 1939 were six of the world's largest metre-gauge locomotives for the Kenya and Uganda Railways, making possible a journey from Nairobi to Kampala, Victoria Nyanza, and back—1,100 miles without changing engines, and a specially built Diesel locomotive for a Peruvian corporation to run on the World's highest railway line near La Paz, Bolivia, which includes a six-mile climb with a gradient of one in fourteen.

Turkish railways have ordered 58 locomotives from Britain for use in Asia Minor, and large consignments of rolling stock have been ordered by Egypt and the Union of South Africa. —*British Wireless.*

# Polish Conditions

Paris, Jan. 8.

Reports from the Polish Press declare there is much unrest both in territories under German and Russian control.

In Eastern Poland, which is occupied by the Soviet, conditions are deteriorating rapidly and private trade is almost at a standstill owing to lack of supplies, while requisitioning is resulting in a big rise in the cost of living.

The farmers prefer to barter their products than to accept cash.

Soviet propaganda is so fantastic that the Poles accept it as a joke.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

## WEEK OF PRAYER

### Opening Service Attended By Many People

The first day of the Universal Week of Prayer was attended by over 70 persons at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the Rev. H. D. Rosenthall delivered a homily on "Thanksgiving, Confession and Intercession."

The Cathedral was open for private prayer and meditation before and after the service, which lasted for about half an hour.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hongkong will be taking to-day's service which will commence at 5.30 p.m. He will take as his text: "The Increasing Church."

# French Premier Breaks Ankle

**PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the French Prime Minister, M. Edouard Daladier, broke his ankle in an accident on Sunday.**

**The announcement said that the X-ray examination disclosed that the fractured joint has been "satisfactorily restored to its correct position."**

**M. Daladier resumed his duties at the War Office to-day.**

# BRITISH C.-IN-C. DECORATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that General Marie Gamelin and Major General Georges lunched with Mr. Winston Churchill as guests of General Viscount Gort at the British Headquarters.

General Sir Edmund Ironside was also present.

During the luncheon, General Gamelin decorated Viscount Gort and General Ironside with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

Detachments of the Welsh Guards and French Zouaves formed a guard of honour.

# TRADE PARLEYS BREAK DOWN

## U.S. And Argentine Abandoned Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the United States and the Argentine have agreed to abandon completely negotiations for a trade treaty.

These negotiations broke down last week.

The State Department ascribes the failure of the negotiations to the impossibility of reaching an agreement on the subject of customs quotas for typical Argentinian exports such as linseed and tinned beef.

# CANADIAN C.O., ENTERTAINED

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The leader of the Canadian Overseas Army, Major-General Andrew McNaughton, and his two senior officers, were entertained on Sunday by the Duke of Connaught at his Surrey residence.

His Royal Highness, who is a former Governor-General of Canada, showed an active interest in the welfare and training of the Canadian troops.

Major-General McNaughton said that the British authorities had done their utmost to make the Canadians comfortable and to help with their training.

The U-boat then disappeared.

# FOOD RATIONS, AND WHY

## British Ministry's Four Reasons

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Food Ministry announces to-day the following reasons for rationing:

1.—It prevents the waste of food. We must not ask sailors to bring unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.

2.—It increases the war effort. Reduction of the purchases of food abroad releases ships bringing other imports.

3.—It divides supplies equally.

4.—It prevents uncertainty.

### Not A Deprivation

Properly regarded, it is a system not of deprivation but of convenience. With the quantities assured and alternatives available, the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values, while the relief to shipping will free it for cargoes which are vital to victory.

Had the public needed a stimulus to a cheerful acceptance of the plan, it was found in Mr. W. S. Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men to add to the risks they are hourly taking with such fine courage by bringing us excess food.

### Bigger Rations For Tommies

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—Soldiers, sailors and airmen on leave in England will have much larger ration allowances than civilians. The latter are entitled to 12 ounces of sugar, four ounces of bacon and ham, and four ounces of butter weekly, whereas members of the Force on leave may have 21 ounces, 14 ounces and seven ounces respectively of these commodities.

# Eire May Have New Government

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has nominated six additional members to sit at the Council of State. They mostly belong to the Cosgrave Party.

It is seen in these nominations an indication of closer political cooperation between the Government and the Opposition parties, and some quarters even suggest that it may foreshadow a national government with the object of overcoming the present difficulties.

# TURKISH 'QUAKE RELIEF GIFT

LAHORE, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A sum of £1,500 has been collected at a public meeting in Lahore for Turkish earthquake victims.

A message of sympathy will be sent from the people of Lahore.

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 8 (UP).—The French patrol ship Barsac, 1,049 tons, is aground on Onza Island, at the mouth of the Marin River, and she is a total wreck. Ten members of the crew are missing.

# 20-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN GIRL AIDS CHINESE

**CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—A pretty 20-year-old American girl, Miss Betty Graham, of Seattle, Washington, is driving an International Red Cross truck between the major cities of Central China, braving the dangers of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.**

After arriving at Chungking on Sunday night, Miss Graham will be on the road again on Wednesday when her truck leaves with medical supplies for Kweiyang, the capital of Kweichow.

She left Shanghai last November and travelled alone from Ningpo to Kweilin and later to Kunming and Kwelyang.

In 1936, Miss Graham was arrested in Manchuria as a spy and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. The sentence was rescinded although, as she recalled in an interview here, "I enthusiastically offered to go to jail."

In 1937 she made a trip from India to Europe overland via Afghanistan.

"I want to call China my home. I expect to stay here a long time and I will concentrate on learning the language," she says.


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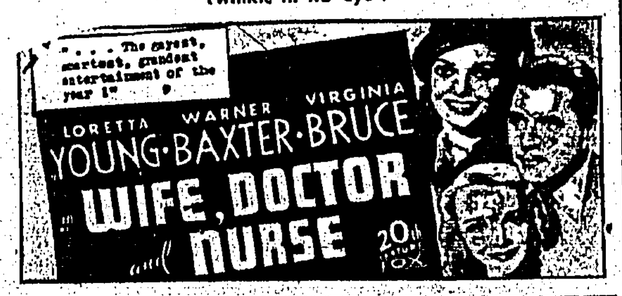


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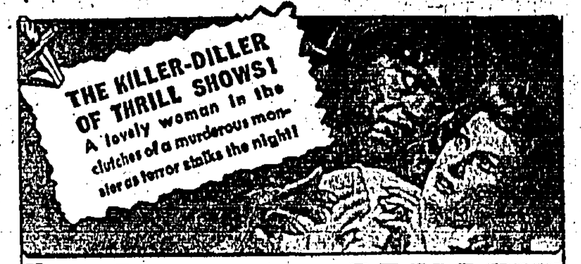


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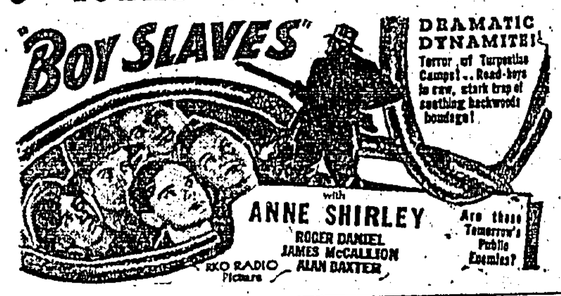


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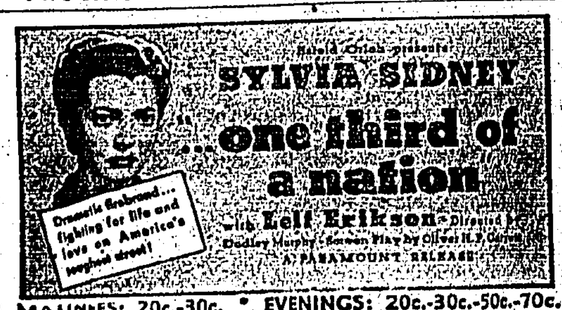


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# U.S. TO FORTIFY ALASKA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. (Domei).—It is understood that during the current Congress session a definite plan for strengthening the defences in Alaska will be submitted.

Informed quarters point out that as part of the rearmament scheme, the Army will establish a big air base in Alaska while the Navy will open a naval base at Dutch Harbour.

# Charges Against Chinese Doctor

Charged on two counts of unlawful possession of poisons and morphine, Li Ki-fong, 50, a medical doctor residing at No. 1 Marsh Road, Wanchai, appeared before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy this morning, when the case was remanded for 48 hours.

Mr. Alfred Hon appeared for Li and Sub-Inspector Durkin prosecuted. Li was allowed bail of $500.

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